Arabs' food gap widening — official

DAMASCUS (R) - The Arab World, once self-sufficient in food, now has an import bill of \$16 billion a year, a senior agricultural official said Monday, urging unified action to stop the food gap widening. Yahya Bakkour, director-general of the Khartoum-based Arab Organisation of Agricultural Development (AOAD), inld Reuters in an interview that Arab countries who enjoyed selfsufficiency until the 1970s owned all the resources to do it again. Arabs needed to form an economic alliance, he said, but this should be kept separate from political disputes and governmental bodies to give the private sector a leading role, benefits and costs should be shared by everybody. The rise in food imports resulted from an increase in the Arab World's population to around 225 million with a growth rate of 2.8 per cent and a decline in agricultural production. He said Arabs' ment in agriculture in the 1980-1985 period fell to around 9.1 per cent of total investment from about 14 per cent 10 years earlier. The share of agricultural investment directed by the joint Arab development funds did not exceed 2.5 per cent.

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AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Abmad Al Lawzi and an accompanying delegation returned home Monday after a week-long official visit to South Africa during which he delivered messages from His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, in South African President F.W. De Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela. The delegation also met with South African officials, spiritual leaders and representatives of public and private institutions for talks on enhancing bilateral relations. Mr. Lawzi described the visit as successful, saying South African officials view Jordan as a friendly country which bas a key role in the Middle East. He said South Africa also welcomed the opening of a Jurdanian embassy in Johannesburg and considers this as an important means to enhance relations. Mr. Lawzi was accompanied by a delegation, including Planning Minister Ziad Fariz, Minister . of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan, and other senior officials.

iraqi dinar piunges

BAGHDAD (AFP) — The Iraqi dinar plunged below 200 to the dollar on the black market Monday, its lowest rate ever, causing prices of basic goods to skyrocket, Individual moneychangers set rates as low as 220 dinars to the dollar, compared with an official rate of 3.2 to the dollar, They ignored a ban on foreign cur-rency trading by street dealers announced Thursday by the deputy governor of the central bank, Prices of basic commodities have shot up by 60 to 80 percent in average in the past

More rain and snow expected

Meteorology Department expects more rain to fail all over the Kingdom Tuesday as the effect of a cold airmass accompanying a depression centred over Cyprus continues. Nabeel Kafaween of the department told the Jordan Times that snow was also expected to fall on mountains with an elevation of more than 1,100 metres above sea level. Mr. Kafaween said it would remain to be cold, cloudy and rainy throughout Tnesday. In the evening, be said, the effect of the cold airmass will decrease as the depression moves northward. Still, the Kingdom will remain under the effect of the accompanying cold airmass which will cause windy weather till Friday, he said. He said frost formation was expected in various parts of the Kingdom on Thursday and Friday, adding it would become warmer an Saturday as winds turn easter-

Frozen Libyan assets in U.S. worth \$1b

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) — Frozen Libyan assets in the United States are worth nearly \$1 billion, a U.S. envoy to the United Nations said Mnnday. U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative Edward Walker made the estimate in a letter to the U.N. Security Council's Sanctions Committee. They were frozen in retaliation for Libya's refusal to extradite intelligence agents wanted in connection with the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Scotland and Libyans suspected in the 1989 downing of a UTA airliner over Niger.

Fed may raise interest rates

Washington (AFP) -Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday that the U.S. central bank will begin pushing up interest rates "at some point" to forestall a reappearance of inflation. While there have been no signs of inflation making a comchack, Mr. Greenspan said in congressional testimony that the Fed would keep a close eye on the economy to preserve the financial markets' confi-

Breakthrough predicted in autonomy negotiations

Rabin reviews Peres- Arafat document; Sunday's Cairo talks could produce deal

Combined agency dispatches

PALESTINIAN and Israeli nfficials predicted a breakthrough in Israel-Palestine Liberatinn Organisation (PLO) talks nn Mnnday as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reviewed a draft of an agreement drawn up in Davos, Switzer-

"There is a breakthrough, in that the engines will be started and the first stage will be on," Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer told reporters after a cabinet meeting, where ministers received copies of the draft agreement.

Israeli Foreign Minister Sbinon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met in the ski resort of Davos to take up sensitive issues that have prevented implementation of the accord that was signed on Sept.

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BEIRUT (Agencies) — Investigators bunting for the killers of Jurdaniao diplomat Nayeb

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making arrests after witnesses

provided descriptions and

other information, Interior

Minister Beshara Mirhaj said

A gunman shot dead Mr.

Maaytah, the Jordanian

embassy's first secretary, out-

side his Beirut home on Satur-day, and seized documents

The police department Mon-

day circulated identikit pic-

tures of two suspects ini the

assassination of the Jordanian

diplomat, the first foreign en-

voy killed in Beirut since the

end of the civil war in 1990.

Police artists had drawn the

sketches on the strength of

information obtained from 11

witnesses s interrogated by ex-

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Police officials said the

sketches were distributed tn all

security agencies in the country

as well as border checkpoints

and air and sea ports. The

on Monday.

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agreement. We can speak about a step forward towards an agreement," Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Reuters.

Israeli and Palestinian officials said they hoped to bridge the gap in time for a meeting in Cairo in seven days' time.

"I hope that in the coming days it will be possible to create such a situation in which it will be easier to concinde possibly the agreement about the main three obstacles in Cairo in a week or two," Mr. Beilin

He cited as obstacles the

control of border crossings over the Jordan River to Jericho, the size of the Jericho area to be administered by Palestinians and security for Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip.
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Beirut says headway made

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chies that could lead to the

several Beirut radio stations as

saying that investigators were

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up at the residence of the

ambassador and other embassy

No one has claimed respon-

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but suspicion focused on ex-

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Interior Minister Mirhai re-

tails which are very important. Generally speaking of course this is the question of symbolism for the PLO and security for us and the compromises that should be done on this basis," he said.

An Israeb official whn took part in the Davos talks said upon his return the sides were still "a long way" from an agreement.

There is still a long way to "Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told Israel Televi-

"I think the Davos meeting was the most important round overcome all the differences." Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres will meet in Cairo

Dr. Shaath, returning to Egypt from Davos, told reporters be would meet Israeli officials nn Tuesday to start prepa-

the death penalty for the killer

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to brief officials on the out-

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A Foreign Ministry

spokemsan said the attackers

probably took a document of

little importance from Mr.

Maaytah's Mercedes. The

spokesman said the paper was

a routine bulletin from the

embassy to be sent to the

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But eyewitnesses inter-

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A purse zipped shut was

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review of the Lebanese press

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killed, a Lebanese official said.

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Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres would meet in Cairo on Monday under the auspices of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Musa who bad played a major role in backing the peace process, Dr. Sbaath

"If we reach solution in the disputes at the Sunday meeting then we will have passed the phase of differences and arrived at stage of signature,"

He said Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres had made progress at their weekend meetings in Switzerland.

"I believe we bave achieved progress regarding problems which bave been stalled for a lnng time in Gaza and Jericho," he said.

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Marines kill 5 **Somalis**

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — U.S. Marines killed at least and wounded 15 others Monday in the bloodiest clash in Mogadishu since a ceasefire was declared in October by Somali militiamen fighting U.N.

Somali gunmen shot at a diplomatic convoy bere Mon-day, U.S. Charge d'Affaires Stevenson McIlvaine said. The subsequent firefight lated for between one and two minutes.

Three Somalis, including two women, died on the spot. Reporters also saw the body of a man whose arm was blown off when the American troops opened fire with beavy weapons.

Two more Somalis died after the clasb in south Mogadishu's Agfoi Road, medical staff said at the Benadir and Digfer hospitals, which respectively took in eight and seven injured peo-

Somali sources said eight Somalis were killed and 13 wnunded, including women and children.

The incident on the crowded road to the airport, near the hotel used by jnurnalists at the "Kilometre Four" circle, came as Saudi U.N. troops were handing nut food close by.

"It all happened very fast," tbe Bangladeshi majnr in charge of guarding the K-4 junction, Kajigulam Haidar, said. "It's impossible to tell where the first shots came

A U.S. spokesman said the Marines shot after the convoy was fired on by at least two Somali gunmen. Somali witnesses said no one shot at the Americans and speculated the Marines fired because they believed several hundred Somalis in the street outside the food centre were trying to block the

U.S. officials said the convoy of three Humvees and two cars carrying two American diplomats was on its way to meet with representatives of clan leader Mohammad Farah Aideed's coalition.

Mr. McIlvaine, said the 22 Marines in the convoy reported they were fired on around 11 a.m. by at least two Somali gunmen, one from the bush and another from outside a building. He said they believed they hit two gunman.



Prime Minister Babiat "His memory will always be Talhouni was laid to rest Monon our minds when we remember the various stages in Jnrday in a ceremony attended by dan's life and his achievements His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent,

Royal family members, politicians and senior officials. His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable to Upper House of Parliament (Senate) Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi condoling him over the death of Mr. Talhouni, who was a sena-

tor at the time of his death. "I send to the dear Senate speaker and all the members of the Upper House... my feelings of confidence, love and appreciation, boping that all would accept my warmest condolences and consolation as we all share the sorrow over the loss of former Prime Minister Bahjat Al Talbouni," the King

and true belonging. Maybe the pioneering civil law which was founded on the principles of Islamic Sbaria and which was fruit of the collaboration of the best of scholars... will be linked to the efforts he exerted tn bring it into existence," the King said.

Mr. Talhouni, who beaded seven cabinets between 1958 and 1970 and served as chief nf the royal court, died Sunday of natural causes at age 80.

The ex-premier was considered one of the architects of modern Jordan who consolidated the Kingdom's relations with other Arab countries dur-

ing the 1950s and 60s.

Mr. Talhouni was laid to rest after mourners prayed for his soul at the Royal Cemetery mosque.

The Regent joined the Talhouni family in receiving condolences at the cemetery from members of the Roya family, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Lower House of Parliament Speaker Taher Al Masri, members of the Upper and Lower House of Parliament, former prime ministers. government officials, senior army officers, members of diplomatic missions and a large number of citizens,

Prince Hassan and the. Talhouni family members also received the condolences of a delegation representing the Syrian People's Assembly, which has also participated in the

Settlers escalate campaign

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Jewish hardliners opposed to Palestinian autonomy vowed Monday to press on with a campaign to create a rash of illegal settlements despite an army crack-

Troops arrested 30 members of the "Zou Hartzenour" (this is our country) group on Sunday after they set up tents near the Karnei Sbomron settlement in the north of the occupied West Bank.

Soldiers and policeman had surrounded a hill where 100 settlers set up the camp. The army declared the area

a closed military zone and arrested the Jewish activists whn refused to leave.

A court in Tiberias will decide Tuesday whether to keep them in custody.

Police chief Rafi Peled has strongly criticised the settlers, accusing them of creating extra work for his men and threaten-

But a Zou Hartzenour activist said, "we intend to press nn with our action and we would rather go to jail" than give a signed promise not tn nffend

The radical group has pressed ahead with a campaign first suggested by the council of Jewish communities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to double the number of settlements in protest at the Israeli-Palestine Liberatinn Organisation (PLQ) accord for limited Palestinian autonomy.

The council abandoned the plan "fnr fear of going against Israeli public opinion, spokesman Shai Bazak told AFP on Monday.

"These are good people with good intentions," Mr. Bazak said of Zon Hartzenour. "But we prefer not to take part in illegal activities."

Police and the army have deployed reinforcements in the West Bank since the operation was launched last Wednesday, when troops evicted 50 settlers, who occupied an empty house outside the Kyriat Arba settlemeot, near Hebron.

Awni Bilal interred with full honours

AMMAN (J.T.) — Royal Jordanian Air Force chief Major-General Awni Bilal, who died last week while on a visit to Washington, was buried Monday at the Royal Cemetery in Amman.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, royal family members and government and military officials attended the ceremnny.

Gen. Bilal, 55, was in Washington to attend a meeting of a joint Jordanian-American military commission. He died of a heart attack

Thursday.
A U.S. military plane flew his body to Amman Sunday. Gen. Bilal served in the Royal Jordanian Air Force command for 17 years. Known for his flying skills, he became chief of the command one year

He is survived by his wife and three children. The funeral proceeded from the King Hussein Medical Centre tn the Royal Cemetery where the body was laid to rest

with full military bonours.

The Regent, along with the Bilal family members, received condulences.

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Cabinet ministers. member of the Lower House and Upper House of Parliament, senior officials of highranking army officers as well as the commander and the officers of the Palestine Liberation Army contingent in Jordan and military attaches at the Arab and foreign embassies in Amman attended the funeral

ANZ Grindlays Bank

Chief executive ANZ Bank reaffirms commitment to Jordan

the chief executive of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, will be visiting Jordan nn Feb. 8-11, 1994, as part nf a tour of the bank's operatinns in the Middle East. The grnup's commercial

AMMAN — Dnn Mercer,

banking presence in Jordan and the rest of the Middle East, operated through ANZ Grindlays Bank, is well established and contributes strongly to the bank's financial performance. Mr. Mercer's visit demonstrates ANZ's commitment tn the market.

David R. Smith, reginnal general manager, Middle East said: "ANZ Grindlays has an excellent knowledge of the local business market and has been established in Jordan for nearly 70 years through its 14 branch network. Mr. Mercer's meeting will give him the opportunity to learn more about the economic development of the country and our Middle East operations. He will also meet with senior government offi-



cials and members of the bank's staff." Australia and New Zea-

land Banking Group is one nf Australia's leading banks and features among the world's top 100 banks. It has a strong international representation with over 2,100 points of representation in over 40 countries. Total assets exceed Australian dollars (AUD) 99 billion and operating profits for the year to Sept. 30, 1993, exceeded AUD 450 million.

Zeroual sworn in, retains Redha Malek as premier

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Defence Minister Lamine Zeroual was sworn in Monday as president of a new regime promising tough measures against Muslim militants but also poli-

tical dialogue. Meanwhile, another polincian was assassinated in a snuthern Algiers suburb. There was no claim of responsibility, but he was believed tn be amnng an estimated 3,000 people killed in the two-year-

nld fundamentalist insurgency. Mr. Zeroual, a 53-year-old retired general, took the oath of office in the Palais des Nations at a resort outside the capital where a governmentrun conference last week failed to gain wide political support.

Opposition parties walked out or boycotted the talks, demanding the fundamentalists be included.

The army will work "to pull the country out of the crisis through dialogue." Mr. Zeroual said in his 10-minute inaugural speech at a ceremony without foreign diplomats or live broadcast cover-

Dressed in a dark business

picked "after the exhaustion of all other paths," and that the country is "at a decisive crossroads, which requires every citizen to take bis responsibili-

Mr. Zeroual, named amid hopes he might end the guerrilla war, immediately set about Algeria's economic problems by reappointing a prime minister dedicated to putting in place an IMF reform program-

Prime Minister Redha Malek, 63, involved in delicate negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to buy time for Algeria's crisis economy by rescheduling its foreign debt payments, was returned to his post three hours after Mr. Zeroual took the presidential oath.

However, the two-year-old civil war, the root of Algeria's economic woes, again claimed centre stage Monday with the first assassination of a leading national political official.

Killers slit the throat of Rachid Tigziri, the national secretary nf the Rally for Culture and Democracy (RCD)

suit, Mr. Zeroual said he was early Monday as he went to bis car in a fundamentalist quarter of Algiers, his family said.

Mr. Tigziri, was economics spokesman for the RCD, a party which has taken an outspokenly tough stance against the involvement of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) in negotiations to end the guerrilla war between the government and armed Islamic

Algeria's security services Monday said they bad killed five armed Islamie fundamentalists in separate incidents since last Tuesday, with two killed in the capital Satur-

Gen. Zeroual, who has held nn to his former job as defence minister, warned that Algeria was at "a turning point" after swearing loyalty to the 1989 constitution with bis hand on

It was "for every citizen to assume his responsibilities," the retired general added. He has already pledged a dual policy of talking to "political" fundamentalists while cracking down on armed extremists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peres-Arafat hand-holding shows Intimacy

TEL AVIV (AP) - Just like a couple on their second date,

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat seemed to have crossed the first threshold of intimacy on Sunday when they bopped up onto the stage together, hand in band, in Davos, Switzerland. At least together,

Israelis. This was friendly, as opposed to mere handshaking,

Yemen kidnaps blamed on crisis

political crisis in Yemen has encouraged a spate of hostagetaking by tribesmen in remote and rugged areas of the

The kidnappers have mixed motives, ranging from genuine grievances over the lack of jobs and essential services to pure banditry, Yemeni and foreign sources say.

"The North Yemen mountains have rarely been secure and northern tribesmen have always been a law unto themselves but the number of incidents is increasing." one Yemeni source said.

"It is a worrying reflection of Sanaa's apparent loss of authority over tribes normally loval to it and its reluctance to act against them," he added. In the latest incident, three French tourists, two of them women, were abducted a week ago by tribesmen trying to force the government to route

Efforts were continuing on Sunday to secure their release, security sources said.

a proposed road scheme

through their deprived Hajjah area northwest of the capital

The kidnappings of fore-igners have all taken place in what used to be North Yemen. The government has been unable or unwilling to act decisively against hostage-takers.

Yemen, which was formed by the unification of North and South Yemen in 1990, has been paralysed by a political dispute since July.

The former southern ruler, Ali Salem Al Beedh, withdrew to his stronghold of Aden, saying the union had become a takeover by the North and demanding reforms. The two sides are now close

rival, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, said Wednesday.

The sources said that although the incidents were embarrassing Mr. Saleh's government he needed the tribes' political and military support in his row with Mr. Beedh. Although the authorities deny they have paid ransom in

cash or in kind in previous kidnap cases, many of the hostage-takers have received rewards, the sources said. They have kept luxury fourwheel drive vehicles, among the tribesmen's most desirable

possessions since they aban-doned camels and donkeys, they said. Toyota Landcruisers have a special cachet among Yemenis who nickname them "Laila

Alawi" after a voluptuous Egyptian film star who has many admirers in Yemen, they The sources said terms for the release earlier this month

of a Briton and a Canadian working of the U.S. Hunt Oil Company in Marib area included two Landcruisers. The car is worth between 1.5 to

two million Yemeni rials -\$25,000 to \$33,000 at the free

Among the demands of the captors of U.S. diplomat Haynes Mahoney, who was held for a week last November. were the building of roads, schools and the provision of running water.

But most Yemenis believe that cash also changed hands — the figure is put at some \$10,000, a fortune in poor

The source said a settlement also includes pledges that the incident will be forgotten, allowing the captors to go free.

U.N. faces tough test as West leaves Somalia

By Buchizya Mseteka

MOGADISHU — Security is starting to crumble in Somalia as Western troops pull out and aid agencies say they, too, may have to leave if the trend con-

In the past week 13 Somalis were killed in clan fighting, a U.N. warehouse in Belet Huen was looted by gunmen and a Saudi soldier was wounded in an ambush in Mogadishu.

At the same time, the United States continued its pullout, with some 218 U.S. troops leaving Mogadishn by sea on Sunday for the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

About 3,000 U.S. soldiers have already left Somalia, where U.S. forces arrived 13 months ago to save the country from famine which degenerated into a feud among local

U.S. President Bill Clinton ordered the withdrawal after two U.S. helicopters were downed in October and 18 soldiers were killed several days later by militiamen in ferocious battles.

Units from Belgium, France, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Greece and Italy are also pulling out of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Somalia because of security concerns with the departure of the U.S.

The peacekeeping operation will be left to ill-equipped Asian and African coutingents, which outgoing Turkish U.N. military commander General Cevik Bir has said could be driven out of Somalia altogether by militias.

Aid workers say they are

concerned by the U.N.'s failure to protect them, warning this could lead to a scaling down of their operations in most parts of the country.

"Incidents of the last few days are not a mere coincidence. They fall within the Somali tradition and pattern of testing the resolve of remaining forces or that of new arrivals," a Western aid worker told

On Thursday and Friday, a 150-strong Italian continge stationed in the central city of Belet Huen watched helpiessly from their base as heavily armed youths rampaged through the city and looted a U.N. warehouse clean.

The British Charity Save the Children and the World Food Programme - the U.N.'a food arm - withdrew their staff from Belet Huen after the inci-

"The forces there were not enough to protect aid workers," U.N. spokesman Major Chris Budge told reporters.

Aid organisations warned that they would have to abandon most of their work across the country if incidents like the one in Belet Huen were repeated or became the order of the day.

"It is going to become in-creasingly difficult to operate in this country as the U.N. military shuts down most of its operations due to non availability of troops," a senior aid official said.

Kofi Annan, the U.N. undersecretary-general in charge of peacekeeping operations, has reproached the Clinton administration for its withdrawal from Somalia, saying it has set a bad precedent.

Rescue:

Palestinian women and a man pull a boy away from Israell soldiers arresting him daring a stanethrowing demonstration in Gaza City in the occupied Gaza Strip on Monday. Desplte the signing of un Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation agreement in September on limited occupied territories, Palestinian resistance to Israeli occupation has continued mabated, further fuelled by the failure so far of negotiations to implement the accord (AFP photo)



Israel begins trial of Arab-American

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) - Mohammad Salah, an Arab-American from Chicago, went on trial Sunday behind closed doors after being accused of being a key organiser of the armed underground of the Islamic Resistance Movement organisation Hamas.

The army denied foreign reporters entry to the proceed-ings at the Ramallah military court, just north of Jerusalem. saying it was a preliminary hearing and asserting that such sessions are usually done in

Mr. Salah's attorney, Avigdor Feldman, said the court was closed because a member of the Shin Bet security service who was testifying said he feared being exposed. The preliminary hearings are over, the trial has started," Mr. Feldman told the Associated

Mr. Salah's family was also denied access to the courtroom, although an observer from the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem was allowed in, Mr. Feldman said. Lea Perez, spokeswoman for

the consulate, said she would not comment on the trial while it was still in process.

Mr. Salah, 39, was arrested a
year ago while visiting the
occupied West Bank. He was

indicted in October. The charge sheet was never were leaked to Israel Radio the worldwide military arm of

Mr. Feldman said Sunday's proceedings focused on Mr. Salah's confession, which Mr. Feldman said was extracted through duress and false prom-

"The Shin Bet agent admitted under my cross examina-tion that he told Salah that if he confessed, he would be released after the U.S. secretary of state finished a visit to Israel," Mr. Feldman said.

Warren Christopher visited Israel at the end of February 1993, a mouth after Mr. Salah's arrest. Mr. Feldman claimed that

the Shin Bet agent threatened Mr. Salah with a life sentence unless he confessed. Hamas opposes the Sept. 13

Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord. It has claimed responsibility for at least two dozen attacks against Israelis staged since the signing, in attempts to derail the plan to grant autonomy to Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Israel bas accused Mr. Salah of handing out \$60,000 and that another \$100,000 were found in his Jerusalem hotel toom when be was arrested:

He has also been accused of handing out \$96,000 to Hamas force in August 1992.

North accuses Reagan of making him lie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate-hopeful Oliver North blamed former President Ronald Reagan on Sunday for the lies Colonel North told members of Congress in the Iran-contra scandal.

Col. North acknowledged during an appearance on CBS News' "Face the Nation" that he had lied to members of the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee who were inquiring in 1986 about reports Col. North was involved with assisting the Nicaraguan con-

Col. North denied to the lawmakers that he was assisting the rebels. In fact, at the time the White House staffer was running a clandestine operation to keep the contras supplied with weapons during a congressional ban on U.S. military assistance.

"I was asked questions that I had been told from the president of the United States could never be revealed, OK?" the former National Security Council aide in the Reagan White House said in explaining why he lied,
"Who made you do it?" host

Bob Schieffer asked.

"Well, the president of the United States," Col. North replied. He noted that Mr. Reagan had secretly requested money for the contras from the government of Saudi Arabia that the no top advisers such assistance

In the interview, Col. North played down his misstatements

Col. North is seeking the

Republican nomination for the

Senate seat from Virginia held

by Democrat Charles Robb.

to the House members which came during a meeting in the White House situation room on Aug. 6, 1986. Col. North called it "an informal, off-the-record" discussion and said: "We ought not

"If the Congress wants to get the straight answers, what they ought to do is bring people up there, have them raise their right hands just like 1 did and expect that they will tell the truth," Col. North added.

to have those kinds of informal

"That's what I'm going to expect as a U.S. senator. The Aug. 6 meeting was "a situation nobody should ever have been put in" and "I was the first person in the history of America to ever be charged with lying to the Congress," Col. North said.

Col. North has argued repeatedly during various national television appearances in re-cent days that he never lied to Congress while under oath.

He was not under oath when he hed to the House Intelligence Committee members in 1986. He admitted during his 1987 sworn testimony to Contrial.

gaped Israel's Channel Two television news. Israel Television was even more suggestive. "This is the chimax, Peres and Arafat holding hands in Davos," the television said. Mr. Peres Arafat holding nands in Davos, the television said. Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat were meeting in the Swiss resort to work through difficulties on the proposed Palestinian antonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. Many Israelis balked when Mr. Peres and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with Mr. Arafat at the Sept. 13 signing ceremony in Washington. Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu has made a point since of saying he would "never shake Arafat's hand." Now Mr. Peres will have to contend with the hand-holding image. Channel Two was quick to its foreign minister's defence. "We conducted an investigation," Channel Two reporter Emmanuel Rosen assured viewers. "The hand-holding was Arafat's initiative." Egyptian police arrest 176 in raids CAIRO (R) — Egyptian police detained 176 people in the southern province of Assyiut on Sunday in one of their biggest

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campaigns yet against the local militant movement, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said. Anti-terrorism units, special forces units and paramilitary security police took part in the operation, which took six days to prepare and concentrated on six towns in the province, about 300 kilometres south of Cairo, it said. Forty-eight of those detained had been on the run or had been sheltering and detained had been on the run or had been sheltering and arming fugitive militant leaders, the first edition of Monday's Al Ahram said. The newspaper did not mention any violence or casualties. Assyiut is where the fundamentalist movement Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah is most active. Gamaa members and the security forces have been killing each other for almost two

Iraq Shiite leader condemns Turkish, Iraqi attacks

NICOSIA (R) — An Iraqi Shiite leader based in Iran condemned attacks on Iraqis by the armed forces of both Iraq and Turkey, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported on Monday. "Ayatollah Monammad Bakr Hakim... condemned any violation against the people or territorial integrity of Iraq... (and) said repeated attacks of Turkish warplanes on northern Iraq have resulted in the death and injury of Iraqi people," IRNA said. Sheikh Hakim is chairman of the Tehran-based Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, the main Iraqi group opposing the Baghdad government. IRNA said he was speaking at a news conference. Turkish warplanes launched a 52-plane air raid on a camp used by Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) guerrillas in northern Iraq on Friday, the latest of a number of cross-border ground and air attacks by forces aimed at rebel Turkish Kurds. Iran said nine Iranian villagers were also killed by Turkish bombs and rockets during the raid. Iranian newspapers criticised Turkey, angrily on Saturday, calling the incident a "criminal act" and demanding that Ankara make amends.

Soundtrack on film may be changed for Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) - Before "Schindler's List" appears in Israel, Steven Spielberg will most likely change its soundtrack to a song Israelis associate more with the holocaust, the film's distributor said Sunday. The original soundtrack," "Jerusalem of Gold," is "fantastically suited for the picture" abroad but Israelis would see it as "a bit more kitschy" said Jonathan Chissick, in charge of distribution bere. "Jerusalem of Gold" gained widespread popularity following the 1967 Middle East War when Israel captured East Jerusalem. The song conjures up the wrong images for Israelis. Mr. Chissick said. "Schindler's List" tells the story of Oskar Schindler, a German businessman who bribed and duped the Nazis into spa over 1.000 Jews who worked in his factories during World War II. Mr. Chissick recommended that the movie soundtrack be changed to a song written by Israeli beroine Hannah Scaesh, an underground fighter from pre-Israeli Palestine who tried to rescue Jews from the Nazis. She was eventually caught and executed by the Gestapo. Her song "My lord, my lord," put to music by David Zahavi is the recommended replacement, Mr.

Ruling party ahead in Mauritania polls

NOUAKCHOTT (R) — Mauritania's ruling party won first round victories in 154 of 345 districts in Friday's local government elections, an official statement said. The main opposition Union of Democratic Forces (UFD), contesting its first election Democratic and Social Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmad Taya's Republican Democratic and Social Party (PRDs) took 32 districts outright and is expected to win more in the second round. Independent candidates won 10 districts. Candidates in the remaining districts will take part in a second round on Feb. 4. Political analysts said the UFD could pick up votes from the smaller opposition Union for Democracy and Progress (UDP), also running for the first time. Friday's voting was peaceful, though opposition leaders complained some voters had been unable to cast their ballots. The communique did not give the number of voters or the turnout. Official figures say 745,000 voters are registered in the huge desert country of about two million which straddles the divide between Arab and black Africa. Mr. Ould Taya, who took power in a 1984 army coup, won a six-year term in Mauritania's first multi-party presidential election in January 1992 with a two-thirds majority. The UFD did not field its own candidate but supported challenger Ahmad Ould Daddah. Alleging vote-rigging in the presidential race the main opposition parties boycotted the March parliamentary poll handing the PRDs and its allies a massive majority. Mr. Ould Daddah and his supporters later joined the UFD.

UAE in drive against oil, industrial pollution development to affect the enplaints many factories do not

By Nadim Kawash

Agence France Presse ABU DHABI — Growing world environmental concerns have prompted the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to launch a campaign to fight pollution caused by oil projects and inadequate disposal of industrial waste.

Officials said this week they were chalking out a strategy to protect the environment by regulating industrial activity and introducing tough measures against abusers of rules on waste disposal and dumping by oil tankers. Under such strategy, inves-

tors can no longer set up industrial projects at will, existing units will be kept under government supervision and clean-up operations and public education will be intensified. The strategy is being map-

ped out by the Federal Environment Agency (FEA). which has just been created to oversee environmental activities in the oil-rich Gulf country in the absence of an environment ministry.

"We do not want economic

vironment adversely. We do not want just to open up the country for any project without taking into account its likely future impact on the environment," said Health Minister Ahmad Al Badi, who heads the agency.
"Protection of the environ-

ment and conservation of our natural resources are a sbared responsibility and of benefit to everyone. Economic development is important to the UAE but it should not be at the expense of environment."

The new strategy, which also includes studies on pollution levels with the help of U.S. experts, coincided with growing calls worldwide for protecting the environment and a dramatic expansion in the industrial sector in the UAE and other Gulf oil producers.

More than 1,500 industrial units have been set up in the UAE within a drive a diversify its economy and reduce reliance on unstable oil earnings, which still provide around 90 per cent of its income. But there have been comfollow safe waste disposal tecbniques and others were simply durning their waste into the Such disposals bave com-

bined with continuous wastedumping by oil tankers and leakage of large amounts of crude to turn the Gulf waters into the most polluted sea in the world. Regional experts estimate that the Gulf waters are 47 times more polluted than other waters and its shores by 100 times. Around 145,000 tonnes

(over one million barrels) of crude also find their way into the water every year due to leakage from oil pipelines and terminals, as well as dumping by tankers. Gulf officials have stepped up sea patrols but failed to stop tankers from dumping sludge and other waste.

"There are too many cases of deliberate pollution of our waters by passing shipping, in particular off the UAE eastern coast," Mr. Badi told the semiofficial daily Emirates News. "There should be tough leg-

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islation to penalise oil tankers and other shipping discharging waste into the Gulf." The Abu Dhabi National Oil

Company (ADNOC), which runs the UAE's huge oil industry, has also drawn up its own strategy to combat pollution. It includes awarness campaigns of its more than 5,000 employees and a major. project to ensure a more effective management of oil and industrial

The project coincided with plans to boost oil production capacity to face growing world demand. It was launched last year and it involves a large store of waste in the heart of the desert to replace an old site, where waste had been disposed of at random since 1980.

"Environment protection is a priority for adnoc," it said in its monthly bulletin. "The company's main objective now is to make sure that environmental and health considerations are included in the studies concerning all projects carried out by ADNOC and its 15 oil firms.

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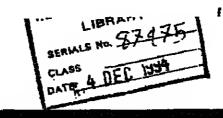
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1 investigation PUBLIC SAFETY: Minister of Interior Salameh Hammad Monday chairs a preparatory meeting for a national conference on public safety, which he announced has been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8 through Feb. 10 under the patronage of of their biggs His Royal Highness Crown Priace Hassan, the Regent. Conference delegates will comprise exmovement. perienced representatives of concerned public and private institutions, said the minister. The terrorism unit conference preparatory committee, which met Monday, reviewed several working papers subpolice took par o prepare at ce. about it mitted by ministries, the Public Security Depart-

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ment (PSD), the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Civil Defence Department (CDD), the Ports Corporation, the Free Zones Corporation, the Aqaba Regional Authority, professional associations and voluntary societies. Working papers called among other things for drawing up an integrated national plan to ensure public safety, stressing the importance of coordination among the various parties especially during major fires, natural disasters and extraordinary circumstances, according to a statement after the meeting

ion any violent Democracy gives Jordanians feeling of security — Al Masri

and its people.

In an address at the opening rence. Turkie of a seminar entitled "Democracy in Jordan: Concepts and Practice," and prepared by the National Society for the Enhancement of Freedom and Democracy as its first activity, Mr. Masri said society aims at spreading the concepts of lemocracy in the beart of Jordanian society in various

He added that the society,

which groups politicians. academicians, journalists and other activists will try to help various sectors of society to benefit from democracy in the best possible manner.

At the one-day seminar, held in cooperation with and support from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation of Germany, foundation representative Walter Ruedel told the opening session that the society's work can be enhanced through the participation of the largest oumber of individuals and social, cultural and political groups.

Enhancing democracy pro-

equally among members of society, said Mr. Ruedel. Working papers presented at

the seminar included: Taher Kanaan's on the concepts of democracy; Mohammad Masalba's on political pluralism; Asma Khader's on the status of women in Jordan and their contribution to society, and Ishaq Al Farhan's on advocating the role of Islamists in Jordan's democracy and reviewing the Islamists political action in general.

Jarrar said his organisation aims to apply the provisions of the Jordanian Constitution and the National Charter, as well as the principles of democracy, freedom and equality to guarantee human, political and social rights.

the meeting presented an out-

line of the general environ-

ment in the Kingdom and said

that measures were under way

to protect it from pollution.

He said the National

Strategy on the Environment.

which was declared by His

Majesty King Hussein in 1992.

and the new draft law on the

environment, which entails the

creation of a higher council to

work on environmental protec-

tion, were conveyed to the

IUCN general assembly meeting which ended on Jan. 27.

Jordan has offered to host a

according to the minister.

House to meet on food, medicine **issue**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lower House of Parliament is scheduled to hold a special session Wednesday to discuss allega-tions by Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas tbat a significant quantity of food and medicine in the market does not meet required standards.

The Lower Louse is also expected to hear several proposals by depudes concerning public services in various governorates and a report by the House Finance Committee on the financial protocol between Jordan and France in 1993.

Meanwhile Monday the House Public Freedoms Committee held a meeting and heard statements by the presidents of the Jordanian medical and pharmacists associations, as well as the director of Al Amal and the Islamic and Jordan University hospitals.

Present at the meeting were the directors of the Drug Con-trol Department at the Ministry of Health.

Discussion covered food and medicine situation at their departments in the light of Dr. Malhas' allegacions. Also Monday the House

Agriculture Committee met to discuss the Kingdom's general agricultural policies. The committee focused its

attendon on the water usage in irrigation and the need to provide more water to irrigation works for strategic agricultural products such as cereals.

The committee members stressed the need for the country to do all it can to ensure food security, agricultural inputs and other requirements at reasonable prices.

Lebanese delegation arrives to offer condolences to Jor lan

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Monday

receives the secretary general of the Leban.se

foreign ministry, Zafer Al Hassan, and an

the investigations.

Mr. Al Hassan told Mr.

Abul Ghanam that the crime

was also directed against Leba-

non's security and stability and

that his country was seeking

cooperation with Jordan to

find the perpetrators as soon as

Upon the delegation's arriv-

al in A: nan. Mr. Al Hassan

said that the Lebanese people

were deeply pained at the

death of the Jordanian envoy.

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Police are pur-

suing a theory that a personal

feud was behind the explo-

sion last week at a downtown

movie theatre which injured

at least seven people, in-

formed sources said Monday.

However, they said, the

possibility remains open that

Wednesday's blast at the

Rivoli movie-house could

have been the work of some-

one who objected to the oa-

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The movie house is known

for screening films bordering

on pornography in violation

of Jordanian censorship reg-

uladons and was a favourite

haunt of unemployed youth,

mostly from the Arab ex-

"There are some leads that

a personal dispute could be

behind the blast, but they

need closer follow-up," said

theatre was showing.

patriate community.

Minister Abdul Salam Majali Monday received a Lebanese foreign ministry delegation who arrived in Amman earlier in the day to offer condolences to Jordan on the death of Nayeb Maaytah, the Jordanian diplomat who was assassinated in Beirut Saturday.

The delegation, led by Zafer Al Hassan, secretary general of Lehanon's foreign ministry, voiced his country's condemnation of the assassination and stressed that the Lebanese authorities were diligently

searching for the assassins. Mr. Al Hassan said Lebanon was willing to cooperate with the Jordanian authorioes to determine the identity of the

Dr. Majali told Parliament Sunday that he had asked the Lebanese government to inform Jordan of the results of all investigations in the assassination of the 42-year-old diplo-

"We have also asked that a Jordanian team take part in those investigations," said Dr. Majali.

Acting Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Fawaz Abul Ghanam met with the Lebanese delegation to discuss

Man dies in gunshot accident

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A 53-year-old Madaba man, who shot himself accidently while cleaning his automatie gun, died Tuesday in Madaba Military Hospital, according to police reports.

The victim's wife told police her busband was cleaning the gun in the bouse when accidently two bullets were fired, striking ber busband in the chest.

Hospital sources said the victim, identified as Mousa Sulciman Salameli, was declared dead on arrival as a result of gunshot wounds to the ehest and heart.

nearby when cleaning it.

Police said they have seized the unlicensed weapon and are A police official at the Public

one of the sources. The source declined to Security Department (PSD) elaborate. But inquiries in said the department urges all the vicinity of the Rivoli indipeople who own any sort of cated that several quarrels firearm to take extra precauinvolving some of the emtions when handling their ployees of the movie house weapons, make sure that guns had taken place some weeks are kept away from children, ago and the blast could have take care that the magazine is been the work of an indiempty before cleaning a gun, vidual or group as an act of and to always point the gun revenge. away from oneself or persons

The nature of the explosive device, described as a crude,

'homemade' incendiary bomh, lacking any sophistication that is expected of an organised group, strengthened the theory that it was

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Maaytah, who had offered so

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Arah Naoon," said Mr. Al

Hassan in an arrival statement.

Al Hassan said that the mo-

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were still unknown but the

manner in which the assassina-

tion was committed clearly in-

dicated that the crime was pre-

Personal feud may be behind

movie- house blast — sources

In reply to a question, Mr.

an isolated incident. At the same time, according to the sources, devices of similar nature bad also been discovered at other places in the past, including liquor stores. This pointed the finger in the direction of religious elements who oppose what they consider to be socially and culturally improper for the conservative

Jordanian society. An explosion more than a year ago at a cinema in the Baqaa refugee camp was at that time reported to bave been caused by a planted "homemade" bomb. Police, however, said a gas cylinder had exploded in the cafeteria of the movie bouse.

Meanwhile, police continued to keep a oght lid on the results of their investigations into the downtown explosion.
"When we solve the case,

we will bave a statement for you," said a police official. Most of the injured, two

Jordanians, three Egyptians and two Sudanese, bave left hospital after treatment. At least one of them, de-

scribed to be seriously wounded, has been pronounced out of danger, but

remains in hospital.

According to downtown sources, several others could also have been injured, hut they did not remain at the site of explosion to get treatment.

accompanying delegation who arrived in Am-

man to offer condolences on the death of Nayeb

He added, however, that the

Lebanese authorides cannot

cause any party for the crime

since investigations into the

case were continuing.

Meanwhile, poliocal orga-

nisations, unions and socieoes

continued to issue statements

strongly condemning the kill-

ing of Mr. Maaytah who was

brought home Sunday and laid

to rest in his bometown near

Maaytah (Petra photo)

"Do you expect anyone to volunteer bimself and testify as someone who was watching an indecent movie?" asked a salesperson at a nearby electrical shop who said he saw dozens rushing out of the movie bouse after the blast but were missing when it came to giving information to invesogators.

The Islamic Action Front (IAF), Jordan's best organised political party, issued a statement through its deputies in the Lower House condemning the explosion and suggested that "Zionists...and enemy groups" could have been behind it.

In a clear reference to the nature of the movies that the Rivoli is known to bave been screening, the party also said that violence was not the means to prevent anyone from actions incompatible with Islamic teachings.

"Correcting the status of cinemas in the country cannot be done through this condemned act that threatens the country and the citizens, hut through raising pubbe awareness and activating legislation and censorship on what cinemas and other media means broadcast," the statement

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AMMAN (Petra) - Speaker. hased in h of the Lower House of Parliaces of both in ment Taher Al Masri Monday cy reported a said the orientation towards n... condenne democracy has created a reial integrity of laxed atmosphere and a feeling h warplanes o of security and peace of mind among the Jordanian people, injury of lag and it has helped to reflect the : Revolution o true civilised image of Jordan ad governmen

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National Strategy on the En-

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which opened on Jan. 17, the

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ing the environment in the

Jordan Valley where the

"white fly" pest was causing

Mr. Akaileh, who returned

to Amman Monday, said the white fly problem is also

severe damage to crops.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Society Vice President Salah

appropriate application of laws

Jordan asks for help in implementing

its national environment strategy regional office for the IUCN in Amman to help boost services to the region, according to Mr.

> he said the delegation re ceived promises that these requests would be seriously considered by the IUCN board. More than 3,000 delegates

from 64 member nations attended the meeting, including representatives from 16 Arah countries, Mr. Akaileh

The Switzerland-hased TUCN, which was founded in 1948, assisted Jordan in formulating its environment strategy.

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

- Art exhibition by artist Mohammad Al Windawi at the
- Royal Cultural Centre.
- Art exhibition by artists Akram Isawi and Jamal Baddawi at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ⇒ Plastic art exhibition by artist Shaker Abu Ghazaleh at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art.
- ☆ Art exhibition by Syrian artist Yasser Hammoud at Baladna Art Gallery (Wasti Al Tal Street).
- * Exhibition by Lebanese artist Hussein Madi at Darat Al Funum of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation. Also showing the "permanent" exhibition of 54 Arab contemporary artists. (Tel. 643251/2)
- ☆ Art exhibition by artist Makram Khaghandouqah at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- * Exhibition on the art of architecture at the French Cultural
- Art exhibition by several Iraqi and Inrdanian artists at Orfali Art Gallery (Tel. 826932).
- ☆ Art exhibition by Suha Noursi entitled "Landscapes" at the Hotel Jordan Inter. Continental Gallery (8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.).

DRAMA

☼ Drama in Arabic entitled "The Question" at the Royal Cultural Centre (11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.).

- ★ Lecture by Ms. Nelly Lama entitled "Japanese Culture Nature Worship" with slides show at the Young Women's Christian Association at 10:00 a.m.
- * Lecture by Dr. Irfan Rasheed entitled "The Arab Element in Syria Prior to the Islamic Conquest" at the Arab Thought Forum at 6:00 p.m.
- * Lecture entitled "The Negotiations With The Israelis: Where Did It Get To And What Are The Prospects?" hy PLO Executive Committee Member Tayseer Khaled at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at 6:00

BAZAAR

★ Bazaar (containing ceramics, flowers, leather products, handicrafts, drawing on mirrors and others) at the Royal Cultural Centre (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

AMMAN MARRIOTT HOTEL WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

The Amman Marriott Hotel is delighted to welcome back Mohammad Sebouai, one of its stars from the opening of the hotel in



At that time Sebouai, who originates from Tunisia, was one of the extremely successful kitchen management team that helped to create new standards of culinary excellence in Amman.

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spreading in Europe and the day meeting in Buenos Aires pests infest greenhouses crops to discuss ways of protecting as well, adding that the prob-lem is of concern to the IUCN. the earth's environment. As head of the Jordanian delegation to the meeting. The Jordanian delegation to

New political party licensed

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Ministry of Interior Monday granted legal status to the Constitutiond Jordanian Arab Front Party, making it the 22nd Jordanian party to be legalised. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, Monday reported that the Ministry informed the secretary general of the party, Milhem Tell, of its decision. The party's constituent assembly last month authorised Mr. Tell along with members Ahmad Al Awaishch, Shaher Al Rawasbdeh, Ali Al Talafih and Mohammad Hattab to apply for licensing. The party, which is almost exclusively made or of former adherents to the Syrian Baath l'arty, joints four other political parties on the pan-Arab spectrum. These parties are the Jordan Socialist Baath Party, the Progressive Arab Baath Party, the Jordan Arah Democratic Party and the most recently licensed National Action Front Party. The party's leader, Mr. Tell, ran for a Muslim seat in Amman's Third District in the 1989 parliamentary elections. During his campaign, he openly advocated Jordan's union

Team returns from Pakistan with contracts

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation led by Sameh Madani, director general of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) returned to Amman Monday after a several day visit to Pakistan. Mr. Madani said that the delegation held talks with Pakistani government officials on the prospects of increasing the volume of trade between the two countries. According to Mr. Madani, Pakistan imports 200,000 tonnes of Jordanian phosphate annually, but the delegation has concluded contracts for the purchase of an additional 100,000 tonnes of amonium phosphate, and there was a possibility for increasing this amount to 250,000 tonnes annually in the near future.

Fire damages fabric store

AMMAN (Petra) — A fire Monday swept hrough a retail fahric store in downtown

Amman, causing material damage but no casualties. A spokesman for the Civil Defence Department (CDD), which was invovied in extinguishing the fire, said that the fire was caused by sparks from welding works in the neighbouring store.

Postal team attends Geneva meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan took part in the round table meetings of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) held in Geneva. Secretary General of the Ministry of Communications and Postal Affairs Abdullah Al Jazi said the Jordan delegaoon presented proposals concerning the distribution of mail, and assistance to Jordan and other developing nations. According to Mr. Jazi, Jordan receives nearly \$1 million in compensacion for expenses incurred in bandling incoming mail from various countries. He said that the sum will now be increased by at least 20

Family planning group plans workshop

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Family Planning Society will bold a workshop Sunday for 20 women involved in media and communications skills. The three-day meering would orient the participants, all members of cooperative societies, on methods of nelping local communities to spread awareness in matters related to population, health, economy and social service.

Industry standards seminar planned

AMMAN (Petra) - Seminar on standards and specifications in Jordanian industry will be held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade Monday in cooperation with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation. At least 100 directors of departments, engineers and technicians will take part in the three-day meeting.

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ome and place with the concerned institutions.

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Conflict beyond borders

IN ITS attempt to bring the Kurdish rebellion against its rule to an end, Ankara has been waging a political and military campaign against the rebels of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). Turkey has been able through negotiations with Syria to limit the PKK's presence and training activity in Lebanon's Bequa Valley that is under Syrian military control. However, after the authorities and the PKK failed to continue the talks they started last year to end the rebellion peacefully, Ank: a and the PKK have escalated the conflict and are now locked in bloody fighting in south-east Turkey that has already spilled over in neighbouring countries.

In December, the Turkish airforce went hunting for PKK rebels in northern Syria and this week it attacked bases that the PKK has allegedly setup in northern Iraq. The Turkish incursion into Syria seems to have been diplomatically and quietly contained since both countries are intent on keeping good relations. But the attack or PKK bases in northern Iraq seems to have extended into Iran. While Baghdad has kept silent on the Turkish raid against Iraqi territory that presently falls within the U.N.-declared 10-fly zone, the Iranians have maintained that "several rockets and bombs" hit villages in Iran, killing and wounding many people. The victims of those attacks, whether in Turkey itself, in Iraq, Syria or Iran are of course the Kurdish people themselves. Since the end of the Ottoman empire early this century and its splintering, the Kurdish people, dispersed mainly in three countries (Iraq, Iran and Turkey), have been falling victim to the regimes there. They were discriminated against; this leading to the establishment of Kurdish liberation movements in the three countries. And each of the three neighbours pitted each faction against the other. The Kurdish people thus have become fuel for their feuds. What made the situation worse recently was the West's encouragement of Iraqi Kurds to revolt against Iraq's central authority and abandoning it later.

The Kurdish people, like everybody else, deserve to have their national rights and aspirations respected and their grievances addressed. Unless this is done in a thorough and democratic manner that involves Iraq, Iran and Turkey, the conflict will only escalate

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily bitterly attacked the "cowardly" group that perpetrated the assassination of the Jordanian diplomat in Beirut Naeb Maaitah, who fell as one of Jordan's martyrs. Tareq Masarweh said that over the past years, many Jordanian diplomats were lost but they were all martyrs as they were performing their duty in the service of the country. The murderers are not revealing themselves because they are ashamed of the cause for which they are committing these crimes, said Masarweb. He said that the criminals have their hearts full of malice and hatred against the innocent civilians, but the Jordanians are determined to pay these criminals with their own coin and deal with them on equal terms of cruelty once they re caoght. The writer said that the long years of sufferings .ave proved that Jordan and the A danian people and leadership were right all along as they were steadfast in their defence of their cause and steadfast in their fight against terrorism and terrorists. He said that Jordan has been true to its national affiliation and despite its being small and having meagre resources this country bas been offering sacrifices for the sake of the wbole nation.

MAZEN HIJAZI, a columnist in Al Ra'i, criticised the work of the Arab League for failing to shoulder its basic responsibilities. It is true that the Arab League had fallen under international pressure in the past and bad taken unfair decisions, but the time has come for it to change its stand in the light of the new developments and the changes around the worlo, demanded the writer. He said that the Arab League is expected to try to lift the U.N. embargo on Iraq through the help of its member states and the world community at large before announcing that a meeting would be held soon to examine the prospect of ending the Arab countries' boycott of Israel. He said that there is no need for the Arab League to discuss this question at all at a time when the Arab countries bave not yet regained their usurped rights and it must not be taken up at all sioce the negotiators are still involved in the parley with the Israelis. The writer said that ending the *ferings of the Iraqis should take priority over other topics now contemplated by the Arab League.

The View from Fourth Circle

Revitalising the strengths of the Semitic family

The slow pace of negotiations on the implementation of the PLO-Israel Declaration of Principles has left many people in the region frustrated, especially because of the continued string of concessions the PLO appears to be making in order to start the process of Israeli redeployment and withdrawal.

Opinion polls among Israelis and Palestinians show steady erosion of support for the Sept. 13 peace accord, which is the major manifestation of the frustration and scepticism that seem to dominate the political psyche of the people most

Nevertheless, the negotiations plod on, which is a good sign that the enormous promise of justice and peace may yet be achieved in this region. While the short-term frustration we witness is understandable, I would like to suggest that this is largely a consequence of a very narrow perception of what is taking place. Each side is looking primarily at its own interests and rights, based on a very constricted perspective that reflects the legacy of this region's modern political history: the fragmentation of a historically broad and inclusive region into small national entities that focus exclusively on their own territorial, political, demographic, economic and religious assets, in the small countries that we inhabit in the wake of the post-World War 1, post-colonial era. In the midst of the current frustration. I would like to offer a more expansive and hopeful perspective on the political forces at work in our

Largely as a consequence of the interaction between European colonialism and the indigenous peoples of the Middle East in the 19th and 20th centuries, we find ourselves engaged today in political, ideological, ethnic and even religious confrontations that threaten to keep the region divided and at war with itself. It is now clear that the Arab-Israeli conflict is a central but relatively small componeot of the broader struggles for survival and progress that define the Middle East and North Africa.

Many people find the current peace process demeaning to Arabs and Muslims because it finds us in a position of relative weakness vis-a-vis the Israelis and their supporters in the United States. We make repeated concessions in order to obtain a fraction of our rights on part of our land. We fear that peace will allow Israel to dominate the region economically. Even meetings with Jewish delegations from the West are seen

by many amongst us to be a sign of our weakness. would suggest, however, that our perception of our identity and our rights within the narrow and historically novel confines of small states such as Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria will only lead to further frustration, and probably to continued conflict. There is a need to look at ourselves in a broader manner that reduces the prevalent tensions and confrontations, and that allows us to look to the future with a greater sense of hope.

This will become urgent in the decades to come, as the population pressures in this region create intense stresses on the natural resource base and economic resources of the region. We are already suffering severe stress in the sectors of water, arable land, food and jobs, with our current population of around 230 million Arabs. These pressures will become intolerable and politically destabilising when the population of the Arab region reaches around 700 million in the middle of the next century.

The unspoken acknowledgement of these realities. I suspect, has helped launch the current peace process; it has become clear to all concerned parties that the militaristic and nationalistic confrontation of the 20th century has failed to assure the rights of any single party to the conflict. We are all caught in a degrading and wasteful cycle of warfare and denial. all the time turning inwards to our narrow identities as states. ethnic groups or religions.

A successful conclusion to the peace process may be the first step to transcending this confrontational historical phase of our region's development and to embarking on a more productive new journey of historical and national renewal. That journey into a brighter future requires that we redefine ourselves in a manner that taps the collective strengths and assets of the people who comprise this region - not only natural resources and economic assets, but also the collective power of our identity, ethnicity and religion.

I would suggest that we already have a common denominator that would allow us to do this - our collective identity as Semites. The terms "Semites" and "semitic" were coined by 18th century western scholars to describe the peoples, languages and cultures of the Middle East in antiquity, especially in the Fertile Crescent. The ancient Semites were all the peoples descended from Shem, one of the three sons of Noah. and they included ancient peoples such as the Arabs. s, Assyrians, Babylonians, Hebrews, Phoenicians and

Historically, the Semitic peoples almost always generated a balance amongst themselves that allowed different parts of the Middle East to achieve three important things: a) to permit a natural expression of people's ethnic, religious or national identity within a pluralistic context; b) to allow the four main geographic regions of this area (the Fertile Crescent, the Nile Valley, the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa) to achieve material development; and, c) to contribute to the overall progress of humankind, through creativity and advances in science and technology, agriculture, morality, spirituality and

In fact, I would venture to predict, with wild disregard for the frustrations and constraints of today, that we may be on the verge of a dramatic new era of collective progress and productivity for the Semitic people. A resolution of the

Arab-Israeli conflict and a more serious effort to address the other main issues facing our region and its people in the coming half a century could well see a peaceful, more democratic and stable Middle East once again aspire to play the role that it has played several times already in the long saga of human history.

The Muslim, Christian and Jewish members of the Semitic family, unencumbered by their narrow nationalisms and instead working together as they have frequently done in the past, can aspire to be a well spring of human creativity and dynamism on a global basis. The serious problems of western consumer societies, especially the pressures of individualism and the fraying of the family, suggest that the world is ripe for a more humane vision of social and national organisation. Islam, Christianity or Judaism on their own cannot provide a complete vision because they are religions and not national ideologies or blueprints for state structures.

The pan-Semitic legacy, however, offers a compelling historical antecedent of pluralism, dynamism and productivity that demands serious study today. The Semitic "nation", if we can use the term, gave the world several major intellectual, moral, social and national concepts: the world's first settled villages in the 7th and 8th millennia BC, the nation-state and urbanism concepts developed in Mesopotamia. Egypt and Palestine in the 4th and 3rd millennia BC, the legal code of Hammurabi, around 2000 BC, the codification of morality in the three great monotheistic faiths of Judaism. Christianity and Islam and the technical and philosophical genius of the golden age of Islam in the 8th-11th centuries AD.

These great feats of the Semitic family were achieved by men and women who dared to realise great deeds for themselves and for all humankind - men and women who dreamed on a scale far larger than their own narrow nationalism. Is it possible that the Semitic family can aspire again to such audacity? I think it is not only possible, but imperative that we do so, and that we start to do so by recognising the strengths inherent in the collective resources of the religious, ethnic and national identities that define us, but that also curtail us today, in our 20th century confrontational

A successful conclusion of the peace talks now under way is a vital prerequisite for this next great adventure in the history of our Semitic family and its vast contributions to human society. To meet the enormous challenges of survival and progress that confront us now and in the century to come, we shall have to start thinking on this scale. This is not a new dream, but merely the reactivation and modernisation of an ancient legacy that lives deep within ourselves - if we have the courage and the bonesty to recognise it and to give it life once again.

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Europe needs a strong NATO, not utopian gimmicks

By Henry Kissinger

NEW YORK - Perhaps the most significant aspect of Bill Clinton's progression across Europe was obscured by the atmospherics. In fact, the trip ushered in an important reevaluation of beretofore accepted premises of American foreign policy. In effect, the president's statements elevated the radical critique of cold war policies into the operational American foreign policy.

For nearly balf a century, that critique had maintained that Soviet policies were as much caused by American policies as by Commonist ideology; that the Soviet government was divided, just like the American, between bawks and doves; that it was the task of American diplomacy to ease Soviet fears, many of which were quite legitimate, and that an attitude of genuine cooperation would overcome Soviet

As late as January 1990, these propositions were refurbished in a Time article in which Mikhail Gorbachev was anointed Man of the Decade. Its author was Strobe Talbott, recently chosen to be deputy secretary of state, who argued that the doves of 40 years of cold war debate had been right all along and that it had not been the West's policy that brought about the Soviet collapse but the inherent weakness of the Soviet system; indeed, that the collapse might have occurred earlier had western bardliners not enabled the Soviet leaders to rally their people on behalf of security.

The essence of these themes was repeated by President Clinton on many occasions doring his European trip. To explain wby be did not favour the admission of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Re-public and Slovakia into NATO, he argued in effect that such a step might be provocative.

He added: "I say to all those in Europe and the United States who would simply have us draw a new line in Europe further east that we should not foreclose the possibility of the best possible future for Europe which is a democracy everywhere, a market economy everywhere, people cooperat-iog everywhere for mutual security.

The assumptions behind his statements challenge the intellectual foundations of NATO. the core of America's postwar foreign policy.

Whether the former victims

of Soviet imperialism should join NATO is a complicated question. There are many ways to accomplish that goal, from full membership to various levels of associate membership or, indirectly, via membership in the European Union.

But the key issue is not the

timing of NATO expansion. In pottiog forward the Partnership for Peace, the administration did not just delay East Eoropeao participation, it emphatically rejected the principle despite many misleading statements to the contrary.

The partnership invites all the si pessor states of the Soviet "nion and all of Moscow's former East European satellites to participate with NATO in a vague, multilateral having next to nothing to do with realistic military tasks; it equates the victims of Soviet and Russian imperialism with its perpetrators and gives the same status to the Central Asian republics at the borders of Afghanistan as it gives to Poland, the victim of four partitions in which Russia participated and the route across which Russia has historically invaded Europe.

Therefore, if the Partnership for Peace is designed to propitiate Russia, it cannot also serve as a way station into NATO, especially as the Climtoo administration has embraced the proposition, rejected by all its predecessors for 40 years, that NATO is a potential threat to Russia.

An official travelling with the president's party expressed the logic behind the administratioo's position when be stated that Eastern Europe would have to find security in placating its feared neighbour. The most effective thing for us," he said, "is to try to protect Eastern Europe by encouragiog anti-imperialist, democratic tendencies in Rus-

It is instructive to compare the current approach with that of Dean Acheson when NATO was founded. Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the secretary of state was asked whether the Soviet Union had reason to fear NATO. His reply was:
"Any nation which claims that this treaty is directed against it should be reminded of the biblical admonition that 'the guilty flee where no man pursueth.

What does it say about Russian attitudes if the expansion of NATO is perceived to be provocative? No reasonable observer can imagine that Po-laod, the Czech Republic, Hungary or Slovakia could ever mount a military threat against Russia, either singly or in combination. The countries of Eastern Europe are terrified, not threatening. And NATO forces, doctrine and deployment are strictly defensive.

Moreover, Russia could easily be given additional assurances, for instance, that no foreign troops would be stationed on the soil of new NATO members — assurances that already exist with respect to the former East German

The key question, however,



is what the American theory means for NATO. What is to be NATO's precise role in the new dispensation?

If a security guarantee along the Polish-Russian border creates an unacceptable dividing line, why is the current eastern border of NATO any more pacifying? If Russia can veto NATO membership now when it is in need of economic support, what will it veto when it has been strengthened through reform and American

historically been the cause of all recent European conflicts. A realistic approach to Russia policy would recognise that integrating Russia into the international system has two components that must be kept

in balance: influencing Russian

attitudes and affecting Russian

calculations. The Clinton administration deserves support in extending generous economic assistance to Russian reform. And Russia should be made welcome in institutions that foster econo-

"It is high time to take another look at the administration's Russia policy, which stakes everything on a kind of psychoanalytic social engineering. In the real environment of today's ethnic conflict and internecine struggle in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, how is security and progress to be organised until that utopian world is reached?"

It is high time to take another look at the administration's Russia policy, which stakes everything on a kind of psychoanalytic social engineering. The world evoked by Mr. Clintoo's reference to "democracy everywhere... people cooperating everywhere" is decades away. In the real en-vironment of today's ethnic conflict and internecine struggle in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, how is security and progress to be organised until that utopian world is reached?

Can it be wise to create two calegories of frontier — those which NATO protects and others which are refused protection — when both frontiers face in the same direction? The practical consequence will be to bring about an unprotected no-man's-land between Germany and Russia, which has

mic, cultural and political cooperation with the West. The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe would be a far better home for this than a Partnership for Peace that invents common milita ... missions, within the framew : of NATO, whose essential . relevance underlines the artif....ality of the conception.

The administration's tendency to treat Russian leaders as if they were fragile novices easily flustered by exposure to the realities of international politics is an invitation to disillusionment and misunderstanding. These are tough men who have survived the brutal school of Communist and Russian politics; they are quite capable of comprehending a policy based on mutual respect for each other's national interest. In fact, they are likely to understand such a calculus better than appeals to an abstract and distant utopianism.

Russia is bound to have a special security interest in what it calls the "near abroad" the other republics of the former Soviet Union. The test is whether the rest of the world treats this relationship as an international problem subject to accepted rules of foreign policy or as an outgrowth of unilateral Russian decisionmaking to be influenced, if at all, by appeals to Russian goodwill.

Perhaps the most serious misapprehension of the Partnership for Peace proposal is that a reformist Russian govemment would automatically abandon traditional foreign policy goals. For the incentives of the most well-meaning Russian government are quite

Nationalism is on the rise, and there is a great temptation to ease the pain of transition to market economics for the Russian population by appealing to that basic instinct. This is reflected in President Boris Yeltsin's refusal to go atong with NATO in punishing Serbia and in his reaction to the partnership proposal.

Mr. Yeltsin is reported to have asked that all the successor states of the Soviet Union and all former East European satellites join it simultaneously, thereby fulfilling a decadelong Kremlin policy of diluting NATO to the point of irrele-

At the moment, Russian armies are in Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Latvia and Tajikistan and participate in some of the local civil wars with a strategy that seems designed to make these new republics - all of them members of the United Nations rue their independence. The foreign minister of Rossia has repeatedly put forward a

scheme for a Russian monopoly on peacekeepiog in the "near abroad." indistinguishable from an attempt to reestablish Moscow's domination. By its silence and its repeated invocation of an American-Russian partnership, the United States acquiesces in these

»bA moderate Russian foreign

policy will be impeded, not helped, by turning a blind eye to the reappearance of historic warm; Russia's effort at reform cannot exempt it from accepted principles of conducting foreign policy. It is in fact ambiguity about dividing lines, not their existence, and ambivaleoce about western reactions, not their certainty, that tempt militarists and nationalists. Reform will be strengthened if moderates are put in a position of highlighting the dangers of a nationalistic Russian policy.

Russia and America share a mutual interest in a stable Europe and Central Europe. This can be achieved only by America's presence in Europe, which is based on NATO. Stability in Europe requires reaffirming the centrality of NATO rather than diluting it in an abstract multilateralism.

This leads to the following conclusions:

- The Partnership for Peace should be redefined to deal primarily with political, economic and cultural issues for which the proper venue is the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, oot

- NATO must face the fact that some form of membership for Poland, Hungary the Czech Republic and Slovakia is inevitable. In the wake of the NATO summit, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has urged speeding up the entry of these four countries into the European Union, of which they are already associate members. Since almost all the members of the European Union are also members of NATO, it is inconceivable that the Union will for long accept the notion that some of its territory is not protected. At that point at the latest, either the NATO guarantee will be extended or NATO will fall

A statesman can always escape his dilemmas by making the most favoorable assumptions about the future. The new Russian leadership is entitled to understanding for the anguish of trying to overcome two generations of Communist misrule, and to help in building a new society. But in pursuing that goal, American policy must not be embarrassed to emphasise that domestic reform, however, desirable, contributes to a better world only if Russia embraces the disciplines of a cooperative international system as well as its benefits - Los Angeles Times.

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Israeli peace moves could pay off in U.S. arms

By Bradley Burston Rewer

TEL AVIV — In what could be an ironic byproduct of its Middle East peace-making. Israel stands to gain access to American warplanes previously off-limits and a U.S. hoost for its secret missile projects. Since Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rahin cut a peace deal with his onetime-nemesis the PLO in September, U.S. aircraft giants McDonnell-Douglas and Lockheed have waged a fierce corporate dogfight - with the Pentagon's blessing - over the right to sell Israel the world's most potent warplanes.

U.S. President Bill Clinton. in an apparent hid to kick stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks into gear, told Mr. Rahin last week of a policy change on space technology that could indirectly boost Israel's classified long-range offensive missile programme.

Arms largesse has long been a good indicator of American attitudes towards the policies of Israel, the largest single recipient of U.S. military aid at \$1.8 hillion annually.

The whole relationship on arms-related issues improved the moment Rabin took office," said Joseph Alpher, director of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre of Strategic

Mr. Rabin's hardline predecessor Yitzhak Shamir riled Washington with his strong endorsement of Jewish settlement expansion and uncompromising stances in the U.S.sponsored talks that began in 1991 with Jordan, Lehanon. Syria and the Palestinians.

As a defiant Shamir dug in his heels against concessions to the Arabs, Washington exerted a range of pressures on weaponry purchases and began probing export sales of Israeli arms it suspected had unlawfully incorporated U.S. hard-

ware and knowhow. Mr. Alpher said Mr. Rabin's stated willingness to trade occupied land for peace and his curbs on Jewish settlement spurred the warming trend in U.S. arms policy towards

The White House recognises it is "important for Rabin to he

able to show Israelis there is already a 'peace dividend' in maintaining Israel's ability to deter future attack, in return for Rahin's readiness to discuss the territorial issue." Mr.

Alpher said. In the looking-glass logic of the Middle East. Israel has said it needs a strong "deterrent profile" to be able to risk giving up land its public sees as a huffer against Arah offen-

The first dividend is likely to come with wings attached. Soon after Mr. Rahin accepted a Clinton nudge and shook hands with PLO Chair-

man Yasser Arafat in September, the Pentagon upgraded Israel's choices in a pending \$2 billion strike fighter purchase. to include McDonnell-Douglas' Premier F-15E and an ultra-sophisticated version of the Lockheed F-16.

This month Mr. Clinton capped glimmers of progress in a summit with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad with a message to Mr. Rabin saying Washington had agreed to open up space project tenders to previously-banned Israeli tech-

"President Clinton's declaration represents a hreak-through for Israel." said Moshe Keret, president of state-owned Israeli Aircraft Industries (IAI), developers of lightweight, relatively inexpensive satellites and launch rockets for commercial use,

IAI and other Israeli defence contractors are quick to insist the Clinton statement applied solely to civilian projects.

But analysts note that as Israeli arms firms battle to offset recent losses and domestic cutbacks, success in marketing communications satellites and commercial launch vehicles could help finance further development of military tech-

LAI's Shavit rocket is widely believed to be a civilian version of the army's secret Jericho surface-to-surface mis-

Atomic experts and foreign reports have linked the Jericho to what they say is Israel's atomic weapons programme. They say the Jericho is capable head distances of more than

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Those artists are more univer-

sal than many other modern

artists. In spite of their indi-

vidualistic approach to their

subject, they are united in their

direct, undiluted sincerity.

Having said that, I would like

to add that in appreciating a

piece of art, the yardstick we

use must be its esthetics. We

should not be overly preoccu-

pied with its psychological and

and gone, but the art move-

Many art forms bave come

social traits.

seriously impaired.

I think this goes for all the

subjects in any other w1y.

cause he cannot do otherwise.

that they were written off."

By Janset Shami

I ACCUSE. I accuse Omar Bsoul and Riham Ghassib of being ahistorical artists. They look into their hearts and they become so absorbed with their wealth of discovery that they neglect to pay attention to the contemporary trends in art. Their preoccupation is limited to interpreting the truth and the beauty they have glimpsed in their hearts, presenting their genuine productions to the "Look," they say, "isn't the world a wonderland?" "Look," they insist, "aren't the people who populand?" late it wonderful?"

Since Henri Rousseau had started to attract the attention of the Parisian art fans in 1920s, many different names have been given to this style of

If we go categorically, we start with a long name: Les Peintres de Sacre Coeur. This name, which was invented by an art critic and dealer called Wilhelm Uhde, did not prove itself satisfactory. So, in 1929. Andre Lhote called it Arte Populaire, giving it a sociological connotation. But in 1920s, the term "Primitive art" took its place. This rather confusing name immediately brings to mind the cave paintings of the pre-historic people. When we read that even the art of Republican and Imperial Rome is considered postprimitive art, it is misleading to call a living and flourishing art form primitive art. Nevertheless this title is still prevalent in

Maoy theories were put forward about the hirth and the ment of the Naive painters is continually replenished. Because it is timeless. Because it has universal appeal

Let us come to our two artists now. First Omar Bsoul, who is currently having a exbibition at the Royal Cultural Centre. It opened on Jan. 19 and will continue until Jan. 31. This is Omar Bsoul's 22nd exhibition. His first two exhibitions took place io 1978 in Damascus and Irbid. His recent exhibitions were beld at the Alia Art Gallery (1990). French Cultural Centre (1991) and the British Council (1992). One of bis paintings won a prize from Germany in 1990.

His life story is as simple and straightforward as his paintings are. He was horn in Irbid in 1951, and he still lives there. He is the owner of a barber shop. When the last customer leaves, Omar Bsoul's shop turns ioto a studio. He paints there every evening. His main income, to support his wife and bis six children however, comes from his barber shop. Consideriog that he uses only his spare time for his paintings, he

is unusually productive. Coming to Riham Ghassib. her life is quite different from Omar Bsoul's. She is the daughter of the late governmental minister who held several portfolios. She was born in a smart area of Jabal Amman in her father's imposing three-storey stone bouse. She still lives there. Her early school years were spent in Amman, and she continued her educatioo in the U.S., at a college in Kaosas. Sbe ohtained a B.A. degree in Egnlish literature, with a

minor in art. But since the completion of her education her only interest has been art. Recently, her work has been acclaimed. Slowly, but surely, she is taking her rightful place in the art scene of Jordan. She is one of the six Jordanian artists whose work is to be exhibited at the National Museum in Washington D.C. This exhibition is organised by the International Council for Woman in the Arts and will be opened by Her Majesty Queen Nour. Riham Ghassih's chosen picture for this exhibition is

Riham Ghassih's first oneman show took place in 1987 at the Royal Cultural Centre. She presented another exhibition in the following year at the same place. She also took part in group exhibitions in Spain and Dallas, Texas.

travel all over the U.S. for a

I. Janset Shami, myself, confessed ahistorical artist, was born in Istanbul. I studied English literature first at Ankara University and after that at the Queen Mary College of Loodon University and first exhi-hited my work in Beirut and theo in Baghdad. My first exhibition in Jordan took place at the old American Centre of Jahal Amman to 1969. In 1973, I continued under the tutorage of the late Princess Fakhrelnisa Zeid who used to call me "my first student," as she gave ber first lesson to me. This was even before she started her Royal Institute of Fine Arts. Hind Nasser, Suha Shuman and Ofemia Rizk, who were all taught by her, became wellknown both in Jordan and

Painting by Janset Shami "Salt". The exhibition will

Encouraged by Princess Fakhrelnisa I exhibited my mainly Naive work at the Petra Bank Gallery in 1987. Since then I have been husy writing. Being affected by some positive as well as negative cur-rents, however, I have decided to take up art again seriously.

If we want to delve into an analysis with an eye on comparison, the first thing that comes to mind is Ribam Gbassib's patriotism. She is a true Jordanian who loves ber country. They say that the Naive artists search for paradise lost. Riham Ghassib did not need to look far. Paradise is Jordan! She reflects ber love in her landscapes sprinkling them with villas, modest houses and sheep and shepherds. She populates her wedding parties with an enourmous number of people, he they country gatherings or sopbisticated parties. She works on each and every figure with loving care.

Omar Bsoul's interest is mainly people. His portraits are of home-loving people.

They sit calmly in the company of each other, usually a mother, a father and a child. Sometimes two heantiful young girls are seen next to each other. There is a door in the background. There is a decorated mat underneath their crossed legs. There is a vase somewhere io the picture... Whether his subjects are male or female, they are wholesome and beautiful. The viewerlooks at their large eves and. tries to hear their view about life. They may give them, if asked. And if they did, they would give it in their direct. uncluttered statements, as most Jordanians do.

It is not only the outline of the subjects that are offered to the viewer in a direct way, hut also their colours. Omar Bsoul does oot bother to mix his colours. The precise performance of this brush uses the colours as they come out of the tubes. When you look at the pictures, the reds, yellows, blacks, greens appear in front of your eyes and soon you hear them signing folk tunes ir your

The sleep gap — a growing danger

By Jane E. Brody

NEW YORK - As you read this, millions of sleep-deprived people are driving cars and trucks, operating hazardous machinery, administering medical care, monitoring nuclear power plants and even piloting commercial jets.

Chances are, every one of those sleep-deprived people is performing below par. Many are so sleepy that they are bkely to nod off at the drop of a hat - while reading, listening to a lecture, driving on a monotonous road, flying on autopilot. Even if they do not fail asleep, their ability to ittend to cruc which runway to land on, and their judgment are likely to be

Although no majo: airlime accident has been linked directly to a sleepy cockpit crew, undue fatigue has resulted in pilots' failing to read gauges correctly and landing not only on the wrong runway but even at the v rong airport. Among drivers of auto-

mobiles, long-haul trucks and even buses, sleepiness is believed to be responsible for a large share of accidents. Those drivers who live to tell the tale often report that they did not know they were about to fall asleep; it just happened.

Dr. William Dement, a sleep disorders specialist at Stanford University, says many sleepdeprived people are as likely to fall asleep suddenly under inappropriate and even dangerous circumstances as are people with serious sleep disorders, like sleep apnea and

narcolepsy. Sleepiness has become an endemic condition in our 24hour society, where light bulbs and television sets prompt people to postpone bedtimes and

them each morning. It is not uncommon for top executives to attribute their success to the fact that they sleep only three or four hours a night, but sleep experts say

assign alarm clocks to arouse

that this is nonsense and that bosses would be far more effective if they slept more.

Evolution programmed bu-mans to go to sleep sooo after nightfall and to arise as the dawn breaks, which at the Equator (where human beings evolved) means people would sleep about nine hours a night. And indeed, studies in sleep laboratories, where people live without knowing when it is day and night and have no alarm clocks to tell them when to arise; bave shown that most adults need eight to eight and a

half hours of sleep a night. But in real life they get less than seven. With each foreshortened night, they add to their growing sleep debt until they reach a point where they can no longer voluntarily stay

According to Dr. James Maas, a professor of psycholo-gy who is a sleep researcher at Cornell University, the most sleep-deprived of all are high school and college students. From the ages of 17 to 25, sleep needs are greater than at any other time of life after early childhood, but the pressures to postpone or even skip sleep are also greatly increased.

Sleep studies have shown that these young people need about 10 hours of sleep a night. Yet the average student sleeps only six hours, accumulating a sleep deht that grows by four hours a night. I arents bemoan their teenagers' "laziness" because they sleep until noon on weekends, but most of these; young people are only trying to cancel some of their weeklong sleep debt — New York

Polish security policeman's trial touches thorny issues

By Timothy Heritage Reuter

WARSAW - Adam Humer sits impassively in the dock as a Polish court lists charge after charge that he helped beat and torture political prisoners as a security police chief more than

4ft years ago.

Elderly men and women who say they were victims of the brutality look on from the front rows of court. A lew metres away, 13 lower ranking former communist security police officials sit hiding their faces from phittingraphers.
The trial of Mr. Humer, who

is accused of killing one of his prisoners, and of 13 former colleagues is one of the first of its kind since the communists tost power in Poland in 1989. The defendants deny the more serious charges

For some Poles, it revives buter memories of a period they believe would be best forgotten. Others say the trial offers a chance to reveal the truth about the sometimes hloody and painful decade after World War H.

"At last we have a chance for satisfaction," said termer political prisoner Windzimierz Minchherg at the Warsaw court where he has watched the trial since last Septem-

For years we chuld not talk ahnut these things. But there were hundreds of people like these. We need to show people the horror of what happened." said Mr. Minchherg, now in his

Tens of thousands of people were interned and hundreds sentenced to death during the late 1946s and early 1950s as the communist authorities, installed by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin at the end of World War

II, cracked down on dissent. The official view about Poland's first communist president. Bolesław Bierut, radical-Jy charged in the late 1980s and his rule from 1947 to 1956 was

Although communist rule has ended, and many details of Bierut's period in office are now known, few attempts have been made to try any of the former communist officials in-

volved in persecutions. "Bierut was to blame but so too were the people who carried out the crimes. They bear people on the head, in the genitals, on the knees. They should be punished," said annther former political prisoner, who declined to give his

Mr. Humer, now 76, is Poland's most senior surviving security police officer from Stalinist times. As director of the Investigation Department of the former Ministry of Puhtic Security, he helped interrogate prisoners.

Staring out through thick spectacles. Mr. Humer shows few visible sings of emotion as he hears the charges of "physical and moral abuse" of prisoners between 1946 and 1952, including forture and beatings which resulted in death.

He has pleaded not guilty to the main charge of killing stu-dent Tadeusz Labedzki, a political activist beaten to death in 1946, and has denied knowledge of any premeditated

The most brutal treatment he dished out was occasionally slapping prisoners, he says, Although he and the other

defendants deny many of the charges, the trial provides a rare public documentation of what former prisoners identify as the security police's methods.

The state prosecutor has listed cases of prisoners being detained without charge and beaten with whips, hatons and wooden and metal objects.

The interrogators are alleged to have poured cold water over prispners in winter and feaving the window of cetts open, prevented inmates from sleeping for long periods. smashing their fingers in thedoor and hurning them with

Prismers are said to have heen forced to kneel on boards with nails sticking from them. sit on the leg of an overturned stool, have water poured into their mostrils and he ducked in

toilets. In one case, a prisoner lost to teeth during an interrogation and in many cases prisoners were said to be permanently physically or mentally in-

jured. Mr. Minchberg was 19 when he was arrested for helonging to the National Armed Forces



(NSZ), an opposition national-ist group which resisted the communist takenver. He was sentenced to a six-year tail

term in 1948. "It was completely normal for the security police to hear prisoners. You'd enter the room, sit down and they would strike you as if it were their way of saying hello." he said. Mr. Humer's trial is unlikely

to he a precedent for others because few former security police officials are still alive. Although human rights violations were frequent after Beirut's death in 1956. attempts to bring the commun-

ist leaders themselves to trial have also been rare. Even the record of the last communist leader. General Wojciech Jaruzelski, is not ctean. He suppressed the Solidurity movement in the 1980s.

legalising it later. But ii was Mr. Jaruzelski who launched the only major communist trial into the security police in recent years, fullowing the murder of prosolidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko in 1944. Four security policemen were even-

mally jailed for the crime. The unity senior communist to be tried since 1989 is General Czeslaw Kiszczak, interior minister when the police broke up a protest at the Wujek coal mine in southern Poland in 1981, killing nine people, His trial is still under way.

The Solidarity-dominated governments of [980 to 1993 decided not to launch a campaign to punish former communists, regarding "a witch hunt" as a destabilising factor

Political momentum to punish ex-communists has diminished further since former communists won elections in September.

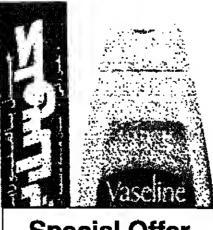
Examining the past is not on the new left-wing govern-ment's agenda, while the rightwing parties which campaigned for the ex-communists to be punished now have no seats in parliament.

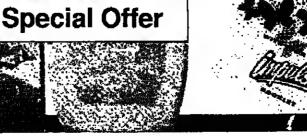
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M.E. seeks money to rebuild

DAVOS, Switzerland (AFP)
— While Israel and the PLO work to nail down their first peace agreement, they are also pressing efforts to boost the raregion's economy as the sole guarantor of long-term stabil-

Israeli Foreign Minister Shinon Peres and PLO chief Yasser Arafat appeared at the World Economic Forum here : to plead for regional cooperation and international aid for the Middle East.

... Mr. Peres said the participants in the peace process would hold an economic conference in Amman for wouldbe investors from the United States, Europe and Japan. Jordan said it could be held this

PARIS (R) - France Sunday

announced plans to encourage

growth by boosting consumer

spending, particularly on cars

and housing, and said it would

take steps to help create new

But the government stopped

well short of any radical

changes to its current policies,

which it hopes will belp pro-

duce growth of 1.4 per cent this

"The measures are a cohe-

rent whole that fits in with the

existing line of government

Edonard Balladur told a news

conference after a keynote

government seminar on the

economy.

"It's the same thing that is

continuing. It's the same in-

spiration, it's the same policy,"

Mr. Balladur said the gov-

ernment had decided to un-

block some of the estimated 80

billion francs (\$13.5 billion)

locked up in employee profit-

share schemes, normally with-

held for five years.

Prime Minister

policy,

he said.

iobs for the unemployed.

France annunces

measures to liven

economic growth

"The only way to reduce the standard of hatred is to improve the standard of prosperity," he told an audience packed with top political and business leaders gathered in the Swiss Alps.

Mr. Arafat lashed out at opponents of the peace negotiations and said "these extremist and fanatic groups will increase their influence in this atmosphere of imbalance, instability, poverty and injus-

"The most important platform which we can depend upon to achieve stability is justice, justice, justice, for all off us," Mr. Arafat said. "Stability cannot be implemented without a strong economic

leased early for buying a new

car or undertaking structural

work on property.

The car and building indus-

tries were amongst the worst

hit by last year's economic

shrink by between 0.7 and 0.8

per cent and spending slow to a

In addition employees would

be able for whatever reason to

take out funds which had been

credited to them for profits

made in 1989 provided their

He said the government

would also speed up a prog-

ramme of refunding value added tax to companies for

those which take on new work-

ers, especially young appren-

holo talks with hotel, res-

taurant, annd parking concerns

to try to persuade these service

industries to take on new staff.

Mr. Balladur said there were

potentially tens of thousands of

iobs that could be created.

The government would also

tices and other trainees

employers agreed.

sion which saw growth

The PLO leader renewed his call for a Middle East "Marshall plan" equivalent to the o ie that helped put Europe buck on its feet after World

"Priority should be given to the occupied territory which has suffered an imbalance under the occupation," he

The PLO leader drew applause with a pledge that the private sector would play an mportant role in investments and management of the occupied territories.

He said 60 per cent of the \$13 billion which the Palestinians are seeking in international aid over seven years would go to develop the pri-

Mr. Arafat said he told U.S. President Bill Clinton that the region had the potential to be a "new Somalia" or a "new Singapore," referring to the tiny Asian economic dynamo.

"We have the skilled labour to become a new Singapore, we have the highest level of education in the region, but we need your help," he con-

Joan Spero, U.S. undersecretary of state for economic and agricultural affairs, said that true regional cooperation in the Middle East could come only after the Arab boycott of Israel ends.

"It is a remnant of the past which the region cannot afford," she said.

Iran's Majlis says no to higher fuel prices

NICOSIA (R) - Iran's parliament, debating a new budget. rejected proposed price rises for oil products and gas, the official IRNA news agency reported Monday.

"Increases in the prices of natural gas, gasoline. kerosene, gas oil and fuel oil, predicted in next year's budget bill, were voted down by the Majlis (parliament) deputies,"

Deputies are debating the government's proposed budget for the Iranian year starting March 21, 1994.

Iran's Oil Minister Gholamreza Agazadeh has long been trying to persuade deputies to agree to raise domestic prices for oil products, which are currently beavily subsidised.

Parliament, taking a "realistic" view of the market, told the Iranian government Sunday to scale its hopes for oil revenue down to \$10.15 billion

in the year starting March 21, The figure compares with a government estimate of \$11.84 billion next year, actual oil sales of about \$14 billion in the current year and a 1993-94 target of \$17 billion.
The government has warned deputies that reducing the estimate may force it to cut back on oil industry development.

The deputies' calculation was based on sales 10 per cent helow present levels. Their price estimate was not spelled out hut some sald in debate that \$12 a barrel was more likely than the government's hopes for \$14.

"...We set the oil ceiling of revenues at \$10.15 billion," Kazem Mirvalad, secretary of the joint hudget and planning. economy and commerce committees, told Tehran radio.

Considering the situation of the world oil market, among various alternatives we chose the most realistic," be said. We reduced oil export hy five per cent of the present level. We allowed another five per cent reduction for the likelihood of resumption of Iraqi exports."
He told the radio that the

deputies have "reduced to 58.4 per cent the share of oil in total revenues from the government projection of 65.8 per cent."

Deputies have also called for the government's estimate for next year's total state revenues to be cut to \$17.6 billion from

U.S. dependence on foreign oil expected to grow

WASHINGTON (AP) -America's dependence on foreign oil will continue to grow into the next century, with net imports reaching 60 per cent of domestic consumption by the year 2010, the Energy Department has pre-

The department's annual energy outlook report said that the growth of petrolenm imports will come despite signifi-cant gains in energy efficiency and a greater use of natural gas as a fuel and use of other. energy sources.

The forecast, using various computer models, predicted that domestic crude oil production will continue on its current decline until 2006 and then rebound somewhat because of rising prices.

It said petroleum use will likely increase to about 21 million barrels a day by 2010, compared with 17 million harrels a day in 192 — the latest year for which complete figures were available.

Natural gas use also will increase by about 13 per cent during the same time period, although utilities will continue to rely heavily on coal for electricity generation.

The outlook said that in 1992 net petroleum imports -- the difference between domestic production and consumption, which takes into account U.S. petroleum exprots — was 39 per cent.

The outlook study said there are expected to be considerable energy savings over the next 16 years because of more efficient appliances and improved huilding design and construction. This will restrain growth in energy consumption that otherwise might have occurred, said the report.

"Advances in appliances and building efficiencies are driving much of the anticipated (energy consumption) improvements," said the report by the Energy Information Adminis-

The Press Trust of India said

Indian Airlines and Air India

would shortly make public

issues to expand their equity

tration, a research agency within the Energy Depart-It said the efficiency gains

are anticipated without development of new technologies. The widespread use of the most efficient appliances already on the market could cut residential energy use by 25 per cent, the analysis con-

The study said that while significant efficiency gains are likely to be made in residential and industrial energy use, it does not envisio n great reductions in petroleum use for transportation.

"People will continue to drive more and new car efficiency gains will not be as rapid as in the 1980s," said the study. More cars and more congestion on the road are likely to result in poorer actual gasoline mileage than what cars would be expected to get under test conditions, it said.

Other findings in the outlook study were:

Total primary energy consumption is expected to grow 23 per cent by 2010, compared with 1992.

- Coal production is expected to increase by 20 per cent to 1.2 billion tonnes by 2010, though much of it will be exported. There also will be continued heavy reliance on coal to general electricity.

- Natural gas production will increase 13 per cnet to 20.2 trillion cubic feet by 2010. Natural gas prices are predicted to increas on average 3,9 per cent a year at the

Meanwhile Japanese oil executives have criticised a proposed Western carbon tax and urged the West instead to help developing nations use energy resources more efficiently to protect the environment.

Hideo Ichakawa, executive vice president of the Japanese oil company Cosmo, said emission of carbon dioxide was expected to increase because of low efficiency in energy consumption in the developing

"If such taxes or other methods are applied in an attempt to control oil consumption quickly, the industries that consume a lot of energy will probably take action to relocated to the countries where taxes are not imposed," he said in a paper presented to an oil seminar.

China issues ban on new building projects

BEIЛNG (R) — Desperately trying a control a building boom that is fuelling inflation and diverting money from key state projects. China Sunday issued a ban on new construction projects in 1994. "We must strictly control

approval of new projects, reduce the number of projects and improve management over the approval process," said a lengthy order from the State Council (cabinet) published in the People Daily "To prevent continued ex-

pansion of the scale of construction, in principle no new projects will be approved this year," the order said. Figures just released by the

State Statistical Bureau (SSB) sbow the building boom con-tinued last year despite repeated attempts by Beijing to curh it. Investment in fixed assets

last year totalled 1,184.2 hillion yuan (\$136 hillion). an astonishing 58 per cent in-crease over 1992, with rises in the provinces of Zhejiang. Fuiian, Guangdong, Guangxi and Hainan - all of the south and east coast - double or nearly double the previous year, the SSB said.

The higgest construction increases were funded with capital raised by the huilder himself or hy foreign investment, throwing doubt on whether the State Council's order will actually cool the boom. Projects that are hank-

funded are easier for the government to control through its control of the hanks, analysts said. Privately-funded projects require only the approvals of local officials, who may be anxious to see a project begin.

materials to go into building power stations, railway lines and telecommunications to ease worsening bottlenecks, and not into office buildings, hotels and luxury villas that usually offer a better return on capital.

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The construction boom has outpaced increases in the output of steel, cement and other huilding materials, forming a key element in pushing up the rate of inflation.

SSB figures show the rate for all 1993 at 14.5 per cent nation-wide and 19.6 per cent in the major cities, where the year-on-year rate in December rose to 23.9 per cent. In the urban consumer has-

ket in December, the highest increases were for fresh vegetahles, up 46.5 per cent from a year earlier, and for grain, up 42.4 per cent.

Worst hit were Haikou, capital of Hainan province, with 34 per cent and Nanchang, capital of Jiangxi province, with 33.6 per cent. Both are in the booming south. The construction boom is

one of a number of China's unstable economic factors, the semi-official China News Service said Sunday in a sombre forecast for the economy in

It said many places were just waiting for Beijing to give them more authority in order to start many new projects.
It said the authorities started

loosening controls on credit in September, so there was fast growth in cash and loans in the fourth quarter. If this excess rate of credit-

easing continues, the economy will start overheating again.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Nothing will be gained by dis-carding your original plan for this day as you continue to delve into available sources of information to obtain data you need to advance in your line of endeavour..

During the morning you realise that you have not come through with a promise to others as they expected and it is up to you to make amends.

Take care that an argument between a higher-up and un associate does not lower your prestige this moming. However, later all

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) While you want to dash about here and there this morning it is important that you stick to taske that have to be done. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Be sure you improve your appearance during the morning as well as get creative ideas perfected, later setting up appointments for recreation so that you have an

what difficult to get surroundings in order until right after lunch, but after that all is easy and you

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closest ties as start an uptrend in

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) There may be tensions arising in the morning owing to some situation you had not expected. Study it minutely and settle it wisely.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

GEMUNI: (May 21 to June 21) goes along smoothly.

ideally good time. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You may find it somecan also do much to please

ber 22) Important you drive carefully this morning and avoid arguing with associates, too. Be sure you shop, study, keep appointments, etc. in the after-

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Take care you are not extravagant this morning in any way or invest unwisely far beyond your ability to pay. Then the remainder of the day and evening become unusually fine for increasing abundance.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Because you feel restless is no reason to make radical changes in the morning. However, by adopting a new attitude later in the day, you find you make excellent progress.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) See that you don't permit that private worry to keep you from getting out early and accomplishing all that you had planned.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You may be quite disappointed if you look to a friend for some favour in the morning. Improve your health and appearance instead.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Do not act foolishly this morning or you lose out both in credit affairs and in matters of prestige which could damage your desire for success.

Unemployment is running at a record 12 per cent. The money would be reindia's private airlines welcome denationalisation

NEW DELHI (R) - India's private airlines Monday welcomed legal changes putting them on equal footing with state-owned Indian Airlines, saying the move opened the loor to better service and more investment.

The government issued a special ordinance at the weekend scrapping the 1953 parliamentary act that ationalised air services and banned private airlines.

"This is a positive step. It will help us compete with the national carrier on a level playing field," said Thakiyudeen Wahid, managing director of East West Airlines, India's hig-

gest private operator.
"We will no longer have to live in uncertainty of being

grounded by some legal case somewhere because we did not have any legal status," he said.

The ordinance allows unrestricted entry to Indian skies for private carriers, and means Ininternational carrier, Air India, will become publicly limited companies.

About a dozen private airlines have spring up since India allowed private firms on short-haul and feeder routes in

East West and several competitors expanded to cover ma-jor routes like Delhi-Bombay. for which Indian Airlines legally had the monopoly. They skirted the law by operating on

paper as air taxis, and were not

allowed to publish flight sche-

. "The fact is that everyone is operating as an airline," Mr. Wahid told Reuters.

The newcomers quickly snatched custom from India tion for poor services and unreliability. They now control about a third of domestic air traffic, with a daily seating capacity of 10,000 against the

state airline's 20,000. A spokesman for Jet Airways, which has four aircraft, said the ordinance would help private carriers improve services with more flights and

better passenger comfort.

Airport and air traffic control timings, tailored until now to Indian Airlines schedules. should be revised to accommo-

date private flights, he added. Airline officials said the ordinance cleared the way for rapid expansion by private firms, which had been wary of investing too much cash while "We will be introducing two

brand new Boeing-737 aircraft by the end of February." the Jet Airways spokesman said. Mr. Wahid said East West planned to add six aircraft to its current fleet of 10 planes within the next four to five

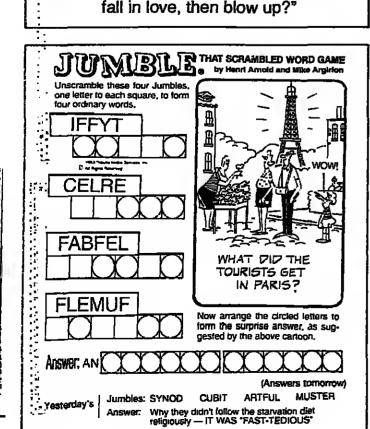
months, financed with a \$30 million equity issue in March.
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Indian Airlines spokesman firm the report, saying it was too soon to comment on. changes within the state car-

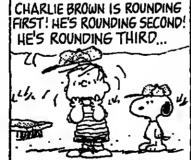
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NICOSIA (R) — Israel has decided to gradually convert its power stations and petrochemical plants to be able to burn gas as well as oil in anticipation of possible gas imports from Arab states, the Middle East Economie Survey (MEES) said Monday.

Qatar confirmed on Jan.26 that it was discussing a gas deal with Israel but studies were needed and Middle East peace had to develop further. Egypt has also said it is considering building a gas pipeline to Israel

MEES said the power and petrochemical plants would be converted to dual-fuel burning, and that their initial needs are for about six million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) per year, rising in the next decade to eight to 10 million

A substactial amount of this could come from Qatar or

MEES said the talks with Qatar envisage an initial deliv-

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French Franc	6.37	6.05	5.93	5.56
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year. This could rise later depending on growth of gas demand in Israel, the speed of converting plants to gas use

and the potential for using Israel as a transshipment point for Qatari gas to other East Mediterranean countries.

Qatar, till now a crude oil exporter, has three LNG projects to develop its massive gas

The projects would produce 22 to 25 million tonnes per

year, starting gradually in MEES said Israeli economic studies have concluded the price to be paid for Gulf gas would be around \$4 per million

BTUs. Qatari Oil Minister Abdul-

Israel seen changing plants for gas use — MEES quoted Sunday as saying in Cairo that speculation about the deal was premature and that no deal with Israel could

volume of gas being disussed for transportation to Israel from Egypt, with possible Itahan assistance, was two million

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Aetna to eliminate 4,000 jobs compensation reserves. This

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — Aetna Life and Casualty Co., one of the biggest insurers in the U.S. has announced it will eliminate about 4,000 jobs and discontinue two investment products in an effort to improve profits. The action will result in a reduction in 1993 profits of \$1,03 billion after taxes, the company said. Aetna also announced it has added \$574 million to workers'

will reduce profits by \$9 million after taxes, the company said. The company is discontinuing two types of retirement investments that insurance companies offer. The company will continue to service existing customers. As of the end of 1993, the company had approximately \$14.7 billion of assets attributable to the two investment products. An \$825 mil-

lion charge to earnings relates to estimated future losses associated with the products. The jobs to be eliminated from the 42,000-employee company will come in both corporate staff and business areas. Company spokesman Jonathan Powell said it's likely a "significant number" of the jobs to be eliminated will be in Hartford, where 35 per cent of the company's employees are based.

be reached before an Arab-Israeli settlement. MEES said it understood the

aluminium producers have agreed a plan to chop back a serious oversupply of the metal that has depressed prices on

world markets. The European Commission said Sunday that the United States, the 12-nation European Union which negotiates as one bloc. Russia, Australia, Canada and Norway had all signed a plan to fight the glut.

"All six participants (of an EU-chaired) conference on aluminium held in Brussels on 18 to 21 Jan., 1994 have notified their acceptance," it said in a brief statement.

But the EU's executive body, which had given the countries until last Friday to reply to a memorandum of understanding, gave no details of the agreement, leading at

agree plan to trim surplus least one metals analyst to suggest markets will remain ner-

Aluminium producers

EU sources were also highly reticent about giving details which, they feared, might provide ammunition for anti-trust lawyers or upset volatile mar-

The sources sought to play down talk of joint output cuts saying no specific country figures had been agreed. "It's a confidence-building measure... companies will decide to cut as and when they think the market will bear it," one said.

But they indicated that unilateral restrictions would be inconsistent with the tone of the agreed memorandum.

Analysts said the memorandum suggested a 15,000 tonnes a month EU curb on aluminium imports from the former Soviet Union, mainly Russia, would not be renewed at the end of February.

They expected it would also mean U.S. aluminium producers would drop threats of filing anti-dumping charges against Russian exporters.

The commission statement said the Uoited States was reviewing "legal requirements" relating to the memorandum an apparent reference to Washington's concern about infringing its anti-trust laws.

Western industry has been seeking cuts of as much as 10 per cent, or around 1.5 to two million tonnes, of world output. This represents the estimated surplus that has pushed aluminium prices from more han \$2,100 a tonne in 1990 to a little more than \$1,200 a tonne last week.

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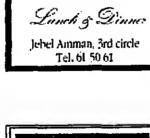
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Bosnian Serb army orders full mobilisation in bid to win war

BELGRADE (AFP) - The Bosnian Serb army ordered a full mobilisation of "all forces available" to press for a rapid victory in the Bosnian war, its general staff said Monday. amid sabre-ratting over possible NATO airstrikes.

'Everyone that can be mobilised will be," the general staff said in the statement issued after a meeting Sunday and reported by the Bosnian erb Agency (SRNA). The arder also applied to women. e statement stressed.

The Bosnian Serb army is strong in weapons but lacks troop strength against the Muslim forces, which are larger in number. The population will be

mobilised into "military or work units with the intention of ending the war as soon as possible and launching economic recovery," the statement said.

The general staff also tightened laws against deserters and people who failed to answer the mobilisation call, urging citizens of the self-proclaimed Serb Republic in Bosnia to "respond to this order without The general staff had intro-

duced new measures to "in-

YALTA, Ukraine (R) — Russian nationalist Yuri Meshkov,

who easily won a weekend

presidential election in

Ukraine's explosive Crimean

peninsula, pledged Monday to

build a close alliance with Rus-

Bn. Meshkov, a long-

time consider for easing

Ukraine's control over the re-

gion, said there would be no vic.ence or "hasty steps" if outside forces did not interfere

Central Election Commis-

sion members in Crimea's

main centre, Simferopol, said

Mr. Meshkov won 72.92 per

cent of the vote in Sunday's

run-off vote. His opponent Nikolai Bagrov, who called for

more autonomy under Ukrai-nian rule, got 23.35 per cent.

The outcome looks likely to

complicate already delicate re-

lations between Russia and

Ukraine, which have often

been at loggerheads since the

Soviet Union broke up in 1991.

dawn to reporters at his plush

and heavily-guarded residence

outside the Black Sea resort of

Yalta, said there would be no

resh to statehood for Crimea.

broken links (with Russia) but

not a return to the old Soviet

Union. The first thing we will

do is conclude a military-

political pact with Russia and

greatly improve our relations

see Crimea as a state with

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task - surviving in the world

He repeated his pledge to

make the Russian rouble a

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Mr. Meshkov has acknow-

collapsing around us."

Crimea.

"We have no ambitions to

with Ukraine," he said.

"This is a vote for restoring

Mr. Meshkov, speaking at

in Crimea

crease the efficiency" of the Bosnian Serb army, it said. The entire economy of the self-declared republic would henceforth operate "in accordance with the defence needs of the country," the statement

added. Meanwhile in Bern, French Defence Minister Francois Leotard warned that Bosnia's three warring parties were becoming embroiled in "a process of war to the death."

"This is something we reject out of hand," he said after meeting with his Swiss counterpart Kaspar Villiger, adding that only "negotiation, diplomacy and political strategy" could bring peace to the coun-

In a separate development Russian ultra-nationalist leadr Vladimir Zhirinovsky arlived in Bijeljina, northeastern Bosnia, for talks with leaders of the self-declared republic.

Mr. Zhirinovsky had warned in Belgrade Sunday that North Atlantic Treaty Organisation air strikes against Bosnian Serbs would be "tantamount to a declaration of war on Rus-Bosnian Serb leader Rado-

van Karadzic introduced Mr. Zhirinovsky to a Russian

desperate hopes of voters look-

ing to Russia for economic relief rather than strong pro-

One-third of voters were

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Russia, which ran the area for

much of the Soviet era. About

70 per cent of the peninsula's

mine Crimea's future status.

Meshkov, snrrounded by

around 20 guards armed with

But he denied suggestions by

Ukrainian politicians that his

election could lead to the kind

of violence seen in other ethnic

enclaves, like Moldova's

Dnestr Region.
"There is no such alarm in

Crimea. We are more con-

cerned about the possibility of

destabilisation from outside,"

"If there is no force, Crimea

The election campaign was

marked by violence virtually

Six local personalities were

murdered in unexplained cir-

cumstances, including a prom-

inent member of Crimea's

280,000 native Tatar commun-

ity shot dead in a street

Tatars said on election day

they did not trust Mr. Meshkov

and made clear they would not

recognise anyone who stood

unknown in Soviet times.

submachineguns.

will be peaceful."

7 million residents are ethnic

Russian national feeling.

Nationalist wins in Crimea;

plans closer Russia ties

volunteer fighting on the Tuzla front in northeast Bosnia. "The Russians have already arrived... It is a sign of Russia's goodwill," Mr. Zhirinovsky

The mobilisation order came a day after the Bosnian Serb chief of staff General Manoilo Milovanovic said his forces would oppose any attempt by the international community to forcibly reopen Tuzla Airport.

He warned Sunday that the airport serving the besieged Muslim-held town was within range of Serb artillery.

No plane will be able to forcibly land at Tuzla Airport and if this were to happen it would never take off again." Tanjug News Agency quoted hini as saying. NATO recently offered 10

lend air suppo⊓ to the United Nations to force the reopening of Tuzla Airport to fly in emergency supplies to Mus-

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali, whose creen light is needed prior to any NATO strikes, has said he will authorise the use of air power if U.N. troops are attacked. In a separate development reported Monday from Sarajevo, U.N. observers succeeded in reaching Here, a Muslim village in central Bosnia where Bosnian government forces had accused the Bosnian Croat militia of massacring 25

The military observers who entered the village Saturday found no evidence of a massacre, said U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) spokesman Bill Aikman in the Bosnian capital.

The village had been shelled and most of the civilian population had fled before heavy fighting last week, Col. Aikman said.

Reports of 25 victims were in line with expected casualty levels from the fighting itself. and there was no evidence of a massacre as such, the spokesman added. Meanwhile, the police probe

into the murder of a British aid worker near Zenica Thursday continued, said U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Chris Janowski. People currently being ques-

tioned by local police were not implicated in the killing but would hopefully provide information leading to the capture of the perpetrators, Mr. Janowski added.



In fresh snow, a young Muslim boy takes aim over old grave marks as he hunts small birds in the old town section of Sarajevo to supplement the meagre diet allotted by relief (AFP

Seoul: War games to go on if no inspections

SEOUL (Agencies) - South Korea will hold major military exercises with the United suspect nuclear sites, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Monday.

the North agrees to full nuclear inspections. Team Spirit will be held this year, although the March schedule might be rear-

al Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to allow its experts to udge for themselves.

States and South Korea must

reacted angrily to plans to deploy Patriot missile-defence batteries in the South and what it said were U.S. moves to increase intelligence-gathering on the peninsula.

gence measures taken by the United States (are) far removed from peaceful negotiation and are premediated provocative manoeuvres which will bring the situation of the Korean peninsula to an extremely reckless phase of war." said a statement carried. by its Korean Central News. Agency (KCNA).

The IAEA said it was still

another district where the opposition Awami League's

candidate for ward commis-

sioner, Mosharraf Hossain,

rampage, detonating hundreds

of home-made bombs," a local

resident said. Several people

were injured in that incident, a

Two people had been killed

The violence broke out de-

spite the deployment of more

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violence Sunday.

awaiting Pyongyang's response certify no nuclear material had been diverted to the suspect programme. Seoul's top opposition lead-

er Monday criticised U.S. plans 10 send anti-missile weapons to South Korea, and the prime minister said separately it wasn't a sign of growing tension.

Prime Minister Lee Hoi-Chang, denying reports the Patriot missile were being sent in response to a growing threat from North Korea, said the move had been planned for several years. "Military tensions on the Korean peninsula have not deteriorated," he told reporters. Lee Ki-Taik, leader of the

opposition Democratic Party. said the timing of the plan was "not appropriate" and would hamper attempts to get North Korea to submit to international nuclear inspections.

Mr. Lee, the opposition leader, said he was certain the dispute would be resolved through negotiations.

"Many people, including me. doubt whether it is desirable to increase tension at this

U.S. gives visa to Sinn Fein leader

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States has granted a limited visa to Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the Northern Irish political party that supports the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA). The White House said it

made the decision Sunday to support recent progress in negotiations to end decades of civil strife in Northern Ireland. The step will permit Mr. Adams to attend a New York conference. President Bill Clinton "supports this difficult decision and

belives it will help advance the cause of peace in Northern Ireland," the White House said in a statement. Mr. Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher dis-

cussed the issue several times before the decision was made, State Department spokesman David Johnson said. The White House said

Attorney General Janet Reno, at the recommendation of Mr. Christopher, issued a "waiver to Gerry Adams' ineligibility' to allow Mr. Adams to attend a conference Tuesday on Northern Ireland.

Mr. Adams has been turned down in eight previous requests for visas.

Over the last decade the United States has refused Mr. Adams a visa because of his involvement in terrorist activity," the White House statement said.

It said the change in that policy grows out of the Dec. 15 joint declaration by Prime Minister John Major and Irish Premier Albert Reynolds laying the groundwork for peace negotiations in Northern Mr. Adams, who is to

address the New York conference sponsored by the private National Committee on American Foreign Policy, will be allowed to stay in the United States only 48 hours, and must stay within 25 miles (40 kilometres) of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where the meeting is being held, said sources involved in the visa decision.

He also is prohibited from engaging in any direct or indirect fund-raising.

in its initial response to Mr. Adams' visa request, the administration said Mr. Adams must first renounce violence by the IRA and join the Major-Reynolds peace initiative. Sinn Fein is the legal political ally of the outlawed paramilitary group.

The Dec. 15 joint declara-tion invited Sinn Fein to take part in talks to end the violence between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland, but only if the IRA first abandons its 23-year campaign against British rule.

Mr. Adams has not responded directly to the offer, asking first for "clarification" from the British.

The British government opposed Mr. Adams' visa re-

The decision to let Mr. Adams into the country was welcomed by the Irish Northern Aid Committee, a U.S. suppon group for the Northern Ireland independence move-

But Ulster Unionist Member

of Parliament John D. Taylor condemned the U.S. decision as "despicable" and said the Clinton administration had 'given in" to pressure from the Irish lobby in Washington. The British government said

Sunday it hopes the U.S. govemment's decision to grant a visa to Adams will persuade his Sinn Fein party and its IRA allies to renounce violence. British news reports said

Prime Minister John Major's government, which has barred Mr. Adams from Britain, had pressed the U.S. authorities to do the same. A spokesman for Mr. Ma-

jor's Downing St. office said Sunday night the government "understands that Mr. Adams has said he wants 10 see an end to violence and wants to embrace" December's Anglo-Irish declaration on Northern freland.

understand he has been given a visa to attend the conference in New York," said the spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Adams' attendance... will impress upon Sinn Fein and the

Sundance gives top honours to a 2 character film

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (R) - A film featuring a Harvard Law School dropont and a secretary from the Bronx who meet at work took top feature honours at this year's Sundance Film Festival, which ended its 10-day run Sunday. The film, What Happened Was, takes places entirely in the woman's Manhattan loft apartment and was produced by Tom Noonan, who also starred in the film. In the end the characters' diverse backgrounds render their relationship a mismatch. The film, which won the Grand Prize, was among the more than 90 feature films and 70 short subjects shown during the 10-day attendancerecord-breaking festival. When actor-director Robert Redford's Sundance Institute took over the then-U. S. film festival a decade ago, about 400 people showed up. Festival promoters said Sunday about 65,000 tickets were sold for this year's presentations, about 10 per cent more than a year ago. Freedom On My Mind, a film about the civil rights movement, took the Grand Prize in the Documentary Category. Spanking The Monkey, a dark tale about an affair between a college student and his mother. won the Audience Prize in the Dramatic Category. Hoop Dreams, which chronicles the lives of two Chicago-area high school basketball players, captured the Audience Award in the Documentary Category. The event is internationally recognised as the single most important showcase of American independent cinema. It. draws thousands of producers, directors, actors and cinematographers to the trendy, former mining town of Park City, just east of Salt Lake City.

Tired rapist wakes up to arrest

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GRENOBLE, France (AFP) - A rapist who fell asleep in the bed of the woman he had just attacked at knifepoint woke to find himself under arrest, police in the southwestera French town of Grenoble said Sunday. The woman, who was living in university accommodation in the village near Grenoble, had opened the door to the man who she thought was a friend. He then threatened her with a knife and raped her but when the attacker fell asleep on her bed the woman escaped and alerted a friend. Police arrested the man, who was not identified.

Law And Order's Moriarty quits over 'censorship'

NEW YORK (R) - Actor

Michael Moriarty an ont-

spoken defender of the right to

portray violence on television,

has quit NBC-TV's Law and Order series, accusing NBC of trying 10 censor his views after he said he had been pulled from two talk shows, his spokesman said Sunday. "It's obvious that the network is lrying to censor him and his views," his spokesman, Gary springer, said in a statement. Moriarty, who plays the lead prosecutor on the highly-rated crime drama, has been a strong advocate of first amendment rights to portray violence on TV. The actor charged that in blocking his appearance on Now and the Today shows, the network was infringing on his rights of free speech. But network spokeswoman Alexandria Constantinople denied the charge. "Mr. Moriarty was never confirmed or scheduled to appear on Now." she told Reuters. "We had looked at doing a profile on him but nothing was set," she said. 'We have not ruled out doing something on him in the future." However, the spokeswoman did admit that Moriarty and Republican Senator Keni Conrad of Nebraska had been bumped from a scheduled debate on the Today show last Wednesday on "should media violence be censord?" "At the last moment the Today show booked FCC Chairman Reed Hundt who had just given an impassioned speech in Miami on the issue of media violence and censorship," she said. "In news, and both of these programmes are in the news division, everything is subject to last-minute changes. We simply went for something more timely because Hundt had just . given the speech," she added. The Today show had looked at a number of issues on violence and crime in America last week, she said. The resignation came as a surprise to Law

And Order producers, a net-

work source said.

support for him reflects the for changing borders. Kyrgyz president wins landslide in referendum

BISHKEK. Kyrgyzstan (R) -Kyrgyzstan President Askar Akayev has won a resounding referendum victory in this for-

former mathematics professor. "These are preliminary fi-

gures but our president has won a great victory," Abdrisayev Baktybek, an official in the president's office, told

per cent of the 2.2 million electorate scattered through this remote Central Asian state on China's mountainous northwest frontier.

Referendum ballots posed the question whether Mr. Akayev should be allowed to finish a term ending in 1996, by which time he hopes this impoverished state will be on its way to becoming "Asia's Switzerland."

A senior official in charge of privatisation said that the mainstay of Mr. Akayev's policies was a plan to transform at

least half the economy from state to private ownership by 1996. Nina Kirichenko, head of

the privatisation Department in Kyrgyzstan's State Property Fund, said about 15 per cent of the economy had moved into 'According to the new plan,

by January 1996 about 50 per cent of the economy will be privatised," Ms. Kirichenko told Reuters in an interview. She said this year Kyrgyz-

stan would begin tackling the problem of privatising large-scale industries and selling off 25 per cent of the shares in auctions open to the public. The reforms, guided by con-

ditions attached to lending from the International Monetary Fund, have already won plaudits from Western leaders, including U.S. President Bill Clinton. Turkey, Japan, the United

States and other nations have also supplied credits since Kyrgyzstan gained independence from the former Soviet Union in late 1991.

denies having nuclear weapons pensioners, worst hit by 80 per apsing ontput. Throughout most of the programme election campaign, Mr. Mesh-kov called for Crimea to rejoin

Japan

TOKYO (R) - Japan has no plans to break its long-standing principles barring the development of nuclear weapons. a Defence Ministry spokesman said Monday. He was commenting on a

But after a strong showing in London newspaper article the election's first round two which quoted a secret British weeks ago, he moderated his government report as saving stand and called only for an Japan had aquired all the parts election next month to deterneeded for a nuclear bomb and might even have built one. "If no one forces us to imneeding only enriched plutoplement our sovereignty quicknium for completion. ly in practical terms, we will take no hasty moves," said Mr.

"We have no plans to break our three non-nuclear principles." the spokesman said. There are no plans to develop

The Japanese government has long pledged to abide by its 30-year-old principles banning the production, possession or introduction of nuclear

The Sunday Times said the report warned the British government that the crisis over North Korea's nuclear and missile programme was threatening to force Japan to abandon its non-nuclear stance.

Many military experts say Japan has lone had the technology to build both nuclear warheads and the missiles to deliver them. It also has a strategic policy

of stockpiling enriched plutonium for its anticipated nuclear power station needs in the 21st century. "Japan could readily make a

crude nucleur weapon," military analyst Huruo Fujii said. "In addition, the missile technology here is very adv-

The first all-Japanese satellite launch rocket, the H-tl, is due to tift off Tuesday for a first test flight.

decide whether the row over nuclear inspections will end in

States this year unless North Korea allows inspections of its

The stakes in the North-South diplomatic standoff were further raised by unconfirmed news reports Monday that Seoul had decided to add three submarines to its fleet. The spokesman said

Washington and Seoul had agreed to scrap the annual Team Spirit military exercise only if Pyongyang took steps to prove it was not developing nuclear arms. "Our position is that unless

ranged," he said. North Korea denies developing nuclear arms but has fiercely resisted demands by the Vienna-based Internation-

The Seoul spokesman's comment came amid warnings by North Korea that the United

DHAKA (R) - At least seven

people were killed and 24

wounded when shooting

erupted in the Bangladesh

capital Dhaka Monday over

crucial city election results.

"It's a massacre and bodies

are badly mutilated," one doc-

tor said after the shootings. He

said several of the wounded

Witnesses said the shootings

followed hours of tension in a

city district where the ruling

Bangladesh Nationalist Party's

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They said supporters of Mr.

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Pyongyang calls Team Spirit rehearsal for invasion and has long demanded it be scrap-In overnight statements, it

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South Korean and U.S. offi-A cials are increasingly impatient with lack of progress in talks with Pyongyang to allow inspections of suspect nuclear sites. The United States has suggested possible U.N. sanc-

time," he said. 7 killed in Dhaka post-election violence opinion before general elec-

> The Election Commission said it would formally announce the results in the four cities after voting in 28 centres in Dhaka where polling was postponed due to violence. The Awami mayoral candi-

tions due in 1996.

date in Dhaka, Mohammad Hanif, was leading against his main rival Mirza Abbas of the ruling BNP by Monday afternoon, the commission said, The Awami mayoral candi-

date in Chittagong, Mohiuddin Chowdhury, also maintained an unassailable lead against his BNP rival Mir Nasiruddin. election officials said. BNP mayoral candidates

Mizanur Rahman Minu and Sheikh Tayebur Rahman won counfortably in Rajshahi and Khulna, respectively.

S. Africans on deadline for poll accord constitution drawn up hy

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) The government and the African National Congress (ANC) gave black and white rightists a Monday deadline to reach an agreement opening the way for them to take part in the first elections for all South Afri-

Negotiators met the Zulubased Inkatha Freedom Party. still bent on boycotting the April 27 clections, and a core of white hardliners refusing to rule out violence in their quest for self-determination. Government spirkesman lzak Retief said the govern-

ment and the ANC set Monday as a final deadline for an agreement with the right wine but he added that there was no legal hurdle to further discussions. Communist Party negotiator Joe Slovo said in a radio interview he was pessimistic ahout a breakthrough in the

three-month stalemate be-

tween the government. ANC

and the conservative Freedom Alliance. But he added: "While there's talk, there's life." Any deal would have to be submitted to a special sitting of

parliament to amend the new

forum of political parties. The Freedom Alliance, linking right-wing whites and some black homeland leaders including Zulu chief Mangosuihu Buthelezi's Inkatha. boycotted those talks.

The Afrikaner People's Front IAVF), which seeks a separate white homeland in a post-apartheid South Africa. began talks with chief government negotiator Roetf Meyer early Monday. Alliance chief negotiator

Rowan Cronic arrived later with a separate delegation including Zulu leaders, Mr. Relief said. The AVF, led by former military chief Constand Vil-

joen, negotiates independently with the government but is also part of the Freedum Alliance. which demands greater autonomy than the limited self-rule proposed in December's interim constitution.

Several thrusand right-wing Afrikaneis met Saturday to form a "transitional author-

Its president. Conservative party leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, said that if his followers could not achieve independence peacefully they would take it by other means.

Inkatha leaders voted at the weekend not to take part in the election if their constitutional demands are not mei. Bui Mr. Buthelezi hinted in a television interview Sunday that he might relent if a key voting provision is changed.

The present constitution proposes a single vote in April for national and regional legislatures. Mr. Buthelezi wanis a double ballot that could benefit his Inkatha party in his Natal province stronghold. Mr. Retief said all appeared

ated settlement. "I don't think the door is closed on any of the issues on the table," he said. ANC leader Nelson Mande-

la appealed to right-wing

whites Sunday to avoid any

action which could provoke

to be committed to a negoti-

conflict. Mr. Mandela, launching his campaign to become South Africa's first black president. has told township supporters to forget any dreams of a quick

end to their poverty. "Please be patient." he said Sunday during one of four stops on a hectic first day of campaigning that took him on a broad sweep through West-

ern Transvual province.

"Don't think that on April 28 you will be able to drive a Mercedes," he told a crowd of about 8,000 in a black township outside Klerksdorp, referring to the day after South Africans of all races go to the polls together for the first time.

Mandelu's ANC -- expected to win the election with around two-thirds of the vote - has outlined a labour-intensive public works programme to help provide jobs and training for millions of jobless blacks,

on the part of improverished hlacks in South Africa's townships are regarded as one of the greatest challenges facing an ANC government.

of right-wing white farmers who have vowed to fight rather than submit to hlack rule.

Over-ambitious expectations Mr. Mandela is spending two days campaigning in the Western Transvaal, heartland

"It is on that basis that we "The government hopes Mr.

Irish Republican Army the need to end violence permanently" - a prerequisite for all-party talks cited in the declaration - the spokesman

mer Soviet republic, endorsing his plan for faster capitalist reforms, results Monday showed. Officials said Mr. Akayev, a private hands so far. bad gained 96 per cent of the vote, giving bim the mandate he sought to push through reforms and override objections from an ex-Communist parlia-

The official turnout was 95.3

But the free market reforms began to falter late last year and Mr. Akayev's prime minister and cabinet were forced by parliament to resign against the president's wishes in De-

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Cowboys win Super Bowl with huge 2nd half

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while community while communit boys, Dallas players were more reticent.

"It's too early," said defensive end Charles Haley, who played on San Francisco's Team of the '80s." He said: "Let's see what we do next

In the Buffalo locker room, someone said jokingly "Oh for five in '95.

But that only covered up the "How difficult is it?" asked linebacker Darryl Talley. "It

hurts. It hurts deeply." Emmitt Smith, who surprisingly was named the game's MVP over Washington, ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns



Dailas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22) is pushed into the endzone by Buffalo Bills Thomas Smith during the 3rd quarter of the Super Bowi game (AFP)

as Dallas became the 10th straight team to win the league's title game by outscor-ing the Bills 24-0 in the second half after trailing 13-6 at half-

But it was Washington who turned the game as the Cowboys became just the fifth team to win in consecutive years and tied San Francisco and Pittshurgh with four Super Bowl

Washington, who started only because Dallas used five backs against Buffalo's three wide-receiver offense, returned a fumble 46 yards for a touchdown, intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter that led to another score, and forced a first-half fumble that led to a field goal. Both fumbles were

by Buffalo's star running back, Thurman Thomas, whose frustration seemed to symbolise the entire team's - he finished with just 37 yards in 16 carries.
The most important of those

turnovers was the work of Lett, who stripped Thomas of the ball on the third play of the second half with Buffalo hold-

ing a 13-6 lead. Washington, whose interception led to Dallas' first touchdown in last year's 52-17 rout of Buffalo, picked it up and rambled in for the touchdown that tied the game, changed the momentum forever and guaranteed Buffalo its place in NFL history.

Smith rushed for 61 of his yards on the next drive, scoring from 15 yards out to give Dallas a 20-13 lead. Lett, Haley, Jim Jeffeoat and Darrer Woodson, meanwhile, al made big defensive plays to shut down a Buffalo offense that had rung up 216 yards in the first half hut got just 98 after intermission.

It was not a great day for Troy Aikman, last year's

The Dallas quarterback was 19 of 27 for 207 yards, but couldn't get the hall in the end zone in the first half, when Buffalo's Jim Kelly was movng the ball up and down the field with ease, passing for 176 yards before intermission. But Kelly finished with just 260 yards on 31 of 50 passing. Smith, the league's MVP in

the regular season, added the Super Bowl MVP award to his

After being held to 41 yards on 10 carries in the first half, he took over after Lett and Washington had combined to tie it and Jeffcoat and Haley had combined on a 13-yard sack of Kelly on Buffalo's next

Dallas then got the ball on its own 36 and Smith carried for 9 yards, then ran for 3 yards, then 9,7,14 and 4. After Aikman hit Daryl Johnston for 3 yards, Johnston dashed 15 yards up the middle on third and three for the score that gave Dallas the lead for good.

Smith scored again from a yard out 5:10 into the fourth quarter after Washington bad returned an interception 12 yards to the 34.

Eddie Murray, who had field-goals of 41 and 34 yards in the first half, added a 20-yarder with 2:50 left, leaving Buffalo to start over next year.

International Ski Federation president wants speed restrictions for women

VIENNA (AFP) — The president of the International Ski Federation (FIS) Monday cal-led for speed restrictions on women racers following the death of Austrian star Ulrike

"It has become imperative to check the speed of women," Marc Hodler told Austrian Radio. But he would not say what measures would be taken or considered.

The federation has been forced on the defensive after being threatened with legal action by Maier's fiance after ber death in a crash during the Garmisch Partenkirchen downhill Saturday.

Maier, a two-time former giant slalom world champion, fell at more than 100 kilometres an hour and burtled into a timing post and bank of snow. She suffered a broken neck and other severe internal

injuries. The skier will be buried in her home village of Rauris near Salzburg Thursday, it was officially announced. The federation is to organise a special event to raise money for Maier's four year old daughter

But preliminary work on legal proceedings has already started. Maier's boyfriend Hubert Sebweighofer, the father of Melanie, criticised safety measures at Garmisch and threatened action.

The skier's lawyer, Harald Lettner, said Monday that three areas of concern would be highlighted. He said some of the safety installations were 50 years old, the timing post that Maier struck was on the narrowest part of the Kandahar slope and FIS safety chief Jan Tischhauser was absent.

Hodler said in the radio interview: "It is impossible to foresee everything and protect against every risk."

But he admitted that he was

"concerned," about state of the art equipment and ski suits that had cut times.

"We had hoped that the safety measures would be sufficient," said Hodler. "It was the women themselves who wanted to race on the slopes used hy the men."

Majer had reportedly expressed concern about the Garmisch slope before Satur-



Photo up shows Austria's downhill skier Ulrike Jan. 29. Below is a file photo of Maier giving a kiss Maler on a stretcher after she struck a timing post during the women's World Cup downhill event

to ber then two-year-old daughter Melanic carried



day's race. She was reported to have told a Swiss local radio station: "The run is hrutally icy, something must be done because otherwise it is too

The federation said that this weekend's men's World Cup races at Garmisch Partenkir-

chen would go ahead despite

Maier's death.

Saturday's downhill will be, on the Kandahar slope on which Maier was killed. A slalom will be held Sunday.

Gillooly said to implicate Harding after she named him

PORTLAND, Ore (R) — Skating star Tonya Harding's ex-husband implicated her in a plot to attack Nancy Kerrigan only after FBI agents showed him a statement by her linking him to the attack, a news re-

port said Sunday. The Oregonian newspaper quoted Jeff Gillooly's brother, John, as saying Gillooly was stunned that Harding had abandoned a "cover story" the couple had discussed.

It said Gillooly's attorney had tried for some time to convince him that Harding had turned on him, but Gillooly did not believe it until the FBI showed him a deposition that Harding made during a meet-

ing with agents Jan. 18. Gillooly was arrested Jan. 19 in connection with the Jan. 6 attack on Kerrigan, Harding's top rival for a spot on the U.S.

The Oregonian quoted Gillooly's attorney, Ron Hoevet, as saying the brother's version

"Jeff would have fallen on his sword for Tonya, if Tonya had told him the truth, but she didn't," it quoted Hoevet as

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Gillooly persisted for some time in believing Harding would not implicate him, Hoevet said, but when authorities showed Gillooly her 46-page deposition, "That finally convinced Jeff that Tonya had

implicated him. Hoevet could not be reached for comment Sunday. Gillooly has negotiated a

plea bargain with authorities under which he will testify that Harding was involved in the Kerrigan plot from the beginning, according to reports.

The reports, which have not been officially confirmed, say Gillooly will plead guilty to a sentenced to two years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for his part in the plot.

Kerrigan was smashed in the leg by a man wielding a metal club and knocked out of the national championships in Detroit, which were also to decide who would go to the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer,

Norway, next month. Harding, 23, insists she is innocent, although she bas admitted that she kept silent for days after learning that people close to her were involved in the attack.

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The exact order of play is unimportant, but look what happens if you win the heart in dummy, ruff a heart with the king of spades, then cash the ace of spades and enter dummy with the jack, in the process drawing the last trump. Now cash the ace and king of diamonds, return to the table with the queen of trumps and lead the board's last heart.

If East discards on this trick, you

can do no better than ruff and lead a chib toward the king, hoping for the best. But when East produces the

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Russian federation head confident mutiny will end

MOSCOW (R) — The head of Russia's soccer federation says he is confident that several of the players who are refusing to play for national team coach Pavel Sadyrin will return to the squad in time for this year's World Cup finals.

Vyachslav Koloskov told the weekend edition of Sport Express newspaper he was sure a number of the team, many of whom play for leading Euro-pean clubs, would change their

The 14 rebels, who complain they are not being paid enough for playing for the Russian side and say Sadyrin should be sacked for incompetence, have boycotted the team's current trip to the United States and

Mexico. But Koloskov said Benfica striker Sergei Yuran and Dynamo Dresden keeper Stanislav Cherchesov were bound

"Saying this, 1 am relying on my intuition and my know-ledge of these people," he told the newspaper.

Chelsea goalkeeper Dmitry Kharin and Manehester United winger Andrei Kanehelskis were also sure to play, Kolos-kov said. He added that he had a feeling Karlsruhe striker Sergei Kiryakov, one of the rebels' ringleaders, would return to the fold. "Soccer is all that matters to

WIJK AAN ZEE, Nether-lands (R) - 14-year-old Peier

Leko of Hungary became the

youngest chess grandmaster in

history Sunday by finishing third in the elite Wijk Aan Zee

United States have become

grandmasters at the age of 15.

Aan Zee was the third world

class result he needed to be

awarded the grandmaster title

Wednesday Feb. 2

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Leko's performance in the Dutch coastal town of Wilk

grandmasiers ioumameni.

14-year-old is youngest

ever chess grandmaster

1993.

him in life. I've known him for 13 years, he went to school with my son," Koloskov said. The powerful contingent

from champions Spartak Moscow, who make up most of the defence, has also vowed not to turn out for the national side but Koloskov said he was convinced they too would change their minds.

The federation has refused to bow to players' pressure for Sadyrin's replacement by former Soviet national coach Anatoly Byshovets, dismissed after the poor performance of the commonwealth side in the 1992 European Championship.

Koloskov said he would consider removing Sadyrin only if no players turned up when the squad was due to gather in May or if he felt the final team

would shame the country.

The young Russian side had been tipped to do well in the finals in the United States but the apprecedented mutiny looks like wrecking their

Only 18 players out of more than 40 invited arrived in Moscow to train before the squad left to play friendlies against the United States and Mexico. The decline in standards was

obvious when the makeshift team scrambled a 1-1 draw with the United States Satur-

by the World Chess Federa-

tion. His earlier grandmaster-

level results had been in

Budapest and Leon, Spain, in

The modest 14-year-old.

who lives in the town of Szeged

on the Hungarian-Yugoslav

ner. Bosnian number one Pre-

"I only slept for six hours last night," Leko said after his

early draw offer had been

accepted by Nikolie. "I was

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certainly not calm."

EURO SOCCER Brazilian flair fires Deportivo

PARIS (AFP) - A double helping of Brazilian flair, backed by European grit, helped Deportivo la Coruna stay clear of Barcelona at the head of the

Spanish league. Deportivo, with Barcelona just four points off the pace, had Brazilian imports Donato and Bebeto to thank for their 2-1 win over third-placed

Sporting Gijon. But it was their determination to keep on pressing forward until the final minutes of both halves which ensured the

Their persistence earned a penalty in the last minute of the first half, put away by Donato, and their efforts after the break finally told with just two minntes of the match to

go, when Bebeto made it 2-0. Deportivo, who had only conceded six goals in 20 matches before Sunday's encounter, relaxed to allow Gijon striker Juan Juanele the chance to put away a penalty in the final

Arsenio Iglesias's side survived the late flurry to stay clear of Barcelona, who failed

goalless stalemate at 18thplaced strugglers Real Valladolid. Their problems were made worse when Emilio Butragueno limped off with a knee injury expected to keep him out of action for a mouth.

Athletic Bilbao, in fifthplace, showed Real how to deal with lesser opposition by hitting four past bottom club Lerida, with Ander Garitano claiming the first, in the second minute, and the third.

Italy's top elubs produced a similar story in the serie a programme, with champions AC Milan conserving their fonr-point advantage after striker Daniele Massaro scored

the only goal at Atlanta. The chasing pack, headed by Juventus and Sampdoria, with little to do except improve their goal differences.

Juventus bezt Foggiz 2-0, while Sampdoria, missing injured English international David Platt, won 3-0 against bottom-club Lecce.

Juventus's mateh-winners were Fabrizio Ravanelli and Roberto Baggio, wbile Sampdoria, left it late after Pietro Vierchowod opened the scoring eight minutes after the break. Giampaolo Ceramicola settled the game by scoring in his own net before Roberto Mancini added the third in the

dying minutes. Parma beat Genoa 4-0 but Inter Milan needed a double from Ruben Sosa and an 89th

minute goal from Davide Fontolan to share the points against Cagliari in a 3-3 thriller. Paul Gascoigne's Lazio beat Cremonese 4-2 to catch

inter on 25 points. France's top match saw Olympique Marseille take on Monaco, who replaced them in the European Champions Cup following allegations of match-

rigging.

Marseille, fired by two goals from Brazilian striker Da Silva Anderson, won 2-1 to edge nearer leaders Paris St Germain and extend their unbeaten run to seven games. But defender Jocelyn Angloma earned his second red card in a

row for two bookable offences. Marseille joy was deflated when PSG matched them to complete their 19th fixture without a loss when they swept

past lowly Caen 2-0. David Ginola scored his 11th of the season to give the Parisians an early lead and a 25-

yard thunderbolt from another

French international Paul le Guen finished the job.

Bordeaux, whose ex-President Claude Bez went on trial for corruption this week, saw all chances of a late charge. virtually disappear as they, went down 2-1 at home to St. Etienne.

Ajax Amsterdam extendedtheir lead at the top of the Dutch league to three points after champions Feyenoord had to come back for a 1-1. draw at home to RKC Waal-.

Ajax beat third placed Vitesse Arnhem 3-1 with Jari Litmanen scoring another double to take his league tally for the

season to 21. Anderlecht won 2-0 at the Belgian first division's bottom elub Genk. Club Brugge stay two points behind after beating fourth placed Charleroi 2-1.

Portuguese leaders Benfica were beaten by Lisbon neighbours Beienenses 2-1 in the Portuguese Cup.

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Queen Mother

steps out to church

SANDRINGHAM, England

(AP) — Queen Elizabeth, the

from a lingering illness, made

her first public appearance for

three weeks when she went to

church. A chest infection had

cburch for the past two Sun-

days. The Queen Mother, 93

used a cane as she walked from

ber car to the cburch in San-

dringham, a village II5 miles

(185 kms) northeast of London

where the royal family has a

country residence. After the

service, 150 onlookers an-

plauded as she returned to her

car for the drive back to San-

dringham House with her

daughter, Queen Elizabeth II

whose left arm, injured in a

riding accident two weeks ago.

was in a sling. Mary Relph, a

regular royal watcher, was

among the crowd delighted to

see the Queen Mother again,"

prevented her from attending

Oueen Mother, recovered.

Israeli-Palestinian hotel to be built

TEL AVIV (AFP) - An Israeli-Palestinian hotel will be built by the Dead Sea as part of the Palestinian self-rule plan for the Jericho a. ... the West Bank, officials said bere Monday. Israeli For dinister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Ara.: reed on the project during their weekend talks in Davo. witzerland, a senior government official said. The hotel's exact location has not yet been decided. The Israeli daily Faaretz said the hotel would be built near Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered to 1947. but there will be no Palestinian corridor linking it with the autonomous Jericho area.

Germany quadruples guarantees for Lebanon

BEIRUT (AFP) - Germany has quadrupled its credit guarantees on exports to Lebanon, the German embassy said here Monday. "This decision reflects the growing faith in the political and ecocomic development of Lebanon." it said in a statement. As of Jan. 1, German credit guarantees on exports to Lebanon bave been raised from five million German marks to 20 million marks, the statement said.

3 acquitted in Iraqi chemical arms case

DARMASTADT, Germany (AFP) - Three German businessmen were freed Monday after being not guilty of illegally exporting chemical arms making material to Iraq. At the end of a trial which began in April last year, the three businessmen were acquitted after the court ruled that material which they supplied could have had a number of uses. Prosecutors had accused the three of illegally supplying the material between 1984 and 1986. If convicted, the men - all employees of a German company, Karl Kolb — could bave faced 15 year prisoo sentences.

Turkish politician attacked in Greece

ATHENS (AFP) — A visiting Turkish politician and members of his delegation were attacked over the weekend by Greek Orthodox Christians in northeastern Greece, representatives of the Greek Muslim community said Monday, Deniz Baykal, leader of the Turkish Republican Party, along with five members of his delegation and four members of the Greek Muslim minority were set upon by 150 to 200 people protesting the visit Sunday to Xanthi, Mr. Baykal sought refuge in a bus which was stoned by the moh, the sources said. Government spokesman Evanghelos Venizelos Monday termed the attack "deplorable," adding that it was the work of "isolated groups.

French novelist Pierre Bouile dies

PARIS (R) - French oovelist Pierre Boulle, whose novels "Bridge on the River Kwai" and "Planet of the Apes" were tarned ioto screen blockhusters, has died aged \$1, his publisher said Monday. A spokeswomao for Editions Juliard said Mr. Boulle, who would have turned 82 next mooth, had been very sick for time. She had no further information. Born in Southern France, Boulle was trained as an eogineer and worked on Malaysian rubber plantations in the 1930s before trying his hand at writing,

Fire destroys Barcelona landmark theater

BARCELONA (AP) - Fire destroyed the 145-year-old Gran Teatre del Licen Monday, less than a year before Spain's leading musical landmark was to undergo a major restoration, director Josep Caminal said. A fire department spokesman said the cause of the hlaze in the theater on Barcelona's picturesque Ramblas Boulevard was not known. It broke out shortly after 11 a.m. (1000 GMT) in the area behind the opera theater's stage. Mr. Caminal told reporters he thought a spark from a blowtorch had started the fire that spread quickly above the new steel fire curtaio to the building's partially wooden roof. The fire curtain was installed during a recent partial restoration. By noon the fire had swept throughout the building, causing much of the roof to collapse, a fire department spokesman said.

Flatto Sharon free on ball

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TEL AVIV (AFP) — A French-Israeli husinessman, Samuel Flatto Sharon, arrested last week on suspicion of fraod, was released on bail of \$170,000 Mooday, judicial officials said here. The Tel Aviv district court, bowever, banned Mr. Flatto Sharon from leaving Israel. Investigators arrested the businessman last Tuesday on suspicion that he defrauded a French gematone company, Flamande-S.A. Mr. Flatto Sharon allegedly made use of an Israeli company's name to import gemstones into Israel without informing the company. The frand came to light following a joint investigation by French and Israeli police.

4 charged with inciting Djibouti revolt

DJIBOUTI (R) - Four members of an outlawed opposition group were charged on Sunday with advocating armed rebellion in Djibouti, witnesses said. The four, members of the Djibouti United Opposition Front (FUOD), were arrested on Saturday, one week after they attended a conference in neighbouriog Ethiopia. The meeting, which produced a declaration calling for the overtbrow of the Djibouti government, was organised by their party and another Djibouti opposition group, the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy (FRUD). All four were remanded in custody after appearing in court. They were named as FUOD Chairman Mohammad Ahmad Issa and three of his aides. Galal Abdu Rahman Ahmad, Kamil Ali Mohammad, and Mahdi Ahmad Ibrahim God. Police dispersed a crowd of about 50 FUOD supporters from outside the court, the witnesses said. There were no casualties or arrests. The four were charged with "incitement to armed gathering without any effect," which under Djibouti law carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail. Both opposition groups are supported by the Afar tribal group, which claims unfair discrimination by the Issa group. which dominates the government, and to which President Hassan Gouled Aptidon belongs. The president has led Djibouti since independence in 1977. Both tribal groups are similar io numerical support. FRUD has been conducting a guerrilla war in northern Djibouti for the past two years, with the aim of overthrowing the government.

Kuwait magazine urges boycott of France

KUWAIT (R) — A Kuwaiti magazine said Islamic countries should consider imposing a boycott on France to force its authorities to respect the rights of Muslims there. "Had one Islamic state boycotted France for its deeds, it would have adhered (to what is right, So what would it be like with dozens of Muslim countries, which can force the whole west to respect the rules and the sons of this religion?" the weekly Al Mujtama'a said in its Feb. 1 edition. The editorial did not elaborate on what kind of boycott it envisaged. The weekly reflects the views of Kuwait's Islamic Constitutional Movement, widely known to be a branch of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood movement. "The intensity of France's antagonistic attitude towards French Muslims has increased in a naked form during the past few months. It moved from mere statements and indications to actual acts that nail the beliefs of Muslims." said Al Mujtama'a. The editorial included a list of instances of what it called "French hatred driven by crusader concepts of dealing with French Muslims and Muslim expatriates." It said the most significant of those was the expelling of two Muslim girls from a school after they insisted on wearing a head covering. Al Mujtama'a also said the use of Koranie verses to embroider a low-cut dress worn by model Claudia Schiffer at a show staged by the Chanel fashion house in Paris this month had "upset all Muslims."

Palestinian Development Bank ready to function

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Palestinian Development Bank is ready to start work as soon as the Óslo accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is implemented, according to official PLO

The development bank shareholders are ready to pay the initial capital of \$200 million as sooo as a Palestinian aothority takes over from the Israeli occupation authorities in Jericho and the Gaza Strip. said Jawad Naji, head of the PLO economic department in

"All the necessary work for the Palestinian Development Bank bas been finalised and is ready for implementation," Dr. Naji told the Jordan Times in an interview.

ership in Tunis had taken a decision for the establishment of the development bank and proposed its speedy formation.
The PLO official added that a large group of Palestinian businessmen, whom he refused to name, had pledged the initial capital of \$200 million after

the Oslo accord was signed in

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran Monday demanded a formal

apology and compensation from Turkey for bombing bor-

der villages during an air strike on Kurdish rebels io northern

Iran said nine people were

killed and 19 others wounded

wbeo "several rockets and

bombs" hit Nokan and Kani-

zard villages in the northwest

during a Turkish strike on a

Kurdisb Labour Party (PKK)

"A formal apology and com-

pensation for the families of

the victims of the tragie event

is the least the Iranian people

expect," Deputy Foreign Minister Alleddin Borujerdi

said in a meeting with Turkish

Amhassador Korkmaz Hakta-

He called "strongly," on Ankara to make sure future attacks on Kurdish rebels in

northern Iraq do not "cause any damage" to Iranian vil-

lages even if the targets are

Witnesses to the bombing

can "eliminate any doubts"

Turkey might have about the

truth of the Iranian reports, he

Mr. Haktanir called it a "re-

grettable incident" and assured

Iranian officials that Torkey

bad targeted the PKK, the

sent a team to witness the

situation in coordination with

Iraniao officials," he was

TEHRAN (Agencies) - An

Iranian bishop who reportedly

went missing after criticising

the government's treatment of

the Christian minority in bis

country has been found dead.

Hovsepian Mehr's parish,

Assemblies of God, said Mon-

day police emissaries informed

them that their spiritual lead-

er's body had been recovered.

of Mr. 'Mehr's death oo Sun-

day, Il days: after he weot mis-

sing on his way to the airport.

But they said they did not

know when or bow he died.

caused the death," Henry

Manoukian, an aide to the

bisbop told the Associated Press. "We were told an auto-

psy will be carried out today

However, Middle East Watch, which was first to re-

port Mr. Mehr's disappearance

on Jan. 19 and then the recov-

ery of his body, said Sunday

the bishop had died Jan. 20.

Iranian officials, who have

not commented on Mr. Mehr's

disappearance, have yet to

announce his death. The state

media has ignored the issue.

Middle East Watch, a New

York-based human rights

group, quoted a statement

issued by the Assemblies of

God regional director in Cyp-

rus as saying photographs of Mr. Mehr's hody showed

stitches in the abdomen, sug-

gesting a post-mortem ex-

It urged Iranian authorities

to make their findings public

amination had been done.

(Monday).

"We don't know what

They said they were notified

Members of Bishop Haik

"For this reason we have

Radio said.

radio added.

added.

hase in Iraq Friday.

Iran demands apology,

compensation from Turkey

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air raid.

He said that the PLO lead-

quoted as saying. "Turkey would spare no efforts to com-

pensate for losses and I will

coovey Iran's request to Ank-

A three-man delegation ar-

rived in Iran Monday to in-

vestigate damage done by the

to investigate the damage done by the raid," Ankara spokes-

man Ferhat Ataman told Reu-

ters. "They will stay as long as

they need to reach a conclu-

MR. Ataman denied press

reports that Turkey had apolo-

gised to Iran for Friday's raid.

which Prime Minister Tansu

Ciller called the higgest ever

mounted by the Turkish air

force io 10 years of fighting the

"There is no question of an

apology," Mr. Ataman said, "We must wait to see what the

probe throws up." He gave no

The semi-official Tehran

Times said meanwhile that

Iran had expected a "clear

explanation" from Ankara on

how the villages in Azerbaijan

province ended up being hit.

are not satisfactory at all," it

said. "We hope Ankara would

provide a more plausible

account of the chain of events

which led to the incursion into

Ankara should compensate

the families of the victims, it

and to also allow an indepen-

deot autopsy.

Asked what the impact of

the news has had on the parish,

Mr. Manoukian said: "We are

worried that this may be

directed against us." He re-

Middle East Watch said that

there bas been no explanation

for the delay in informing Mr.

Mebr's relatives and followers

It said the bishop's body was

found on a major Tehran

street and taken to the city

morgue shortly after the

Official photographs of the

body were identified by Mr.

Mehr's son, Joseph, and two

other Assemblies of God

church officials in Iran, Middle

Middle East Watch said that

according to a statement issued

by the Assemblies of God.

photographs of the corpse

showed stitches round the slo-

mach, suggesting that an auto-

psy may already have been

"If (this is) confirmed, the

results of the ... autopsy should

be immediately released to

Bishop Hovsepian's widow,'

the human rights group said,

adding that the family should

be allowed to take possession

of the body if they wanted to.

shortly after leading a success-

ful campaign to free a fellow

Assemblies of God clergyman,

the Rev. Mehdi Dibaj, who

had been sentenced to death

for abandoning his Muslim

The pastor disappeared

bishop's disappearance.

East Wateh said.

carried out.

fused to explain

of his death.

"Bot Turkey's explanations

more details.

our territory.'

Missing Iranian Christian

church leader found dead

"They left early this morning

Washington last September. He said that the key shareholders were private sector businessmen and the Palestinian authority (government), but that the bank might open its shareholding doors for international financial institu-

Dr. Naji said that the bank will focus its priorities on projects related to the rehuilding of the infrastructure, a field which had been neglected in the occupied territories since

"The bank will provide loans and financial facilities to the private sector and investors for projects in the field of industry, agriculture, tourism and infrastructure, such as housing," Dr. Naji said, adding that the bank is expected to serve the whole of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"But, naturally, we cannot expect this bank to be responsible for the rebuilding of the infrastructure," Dr. Naji said, pointing out that the Palestinian development plan for the next seven years set the needed investment for infrastructure reconstruction al \$11.6 billion in the occupied territories.

At an international confer-

ence on financial support for Middle East peace in Washington last October donors pledged \$2.4 billion for the territories in the next five years. Ao amount of \$570 million for 1994 was allocated to infrastructure projects such as roads, water, sewage, electricity and hospital and school

building. Dr. Naji said that in light of the economic agreement signed between the PLO and Jordan, the Palestinian Development Bank is expected to deal mostly in the Jordanian dinar, in addition to foreign

Jordan and the PLO signed an economic agreement in early January making the dinar the main currency used in the West Bank and Gaza and giving the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), along with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian financial committee, the right to supervise the monetary activities of banks and other financial institutions there until a financial Palestinian authority was established.

While the agreement gave the Palestinians the right to independently establish their own banks, it was agreed that the eight Jordanian banks reopen their 31 hranehes which were closed after Israel occupied the West Bank on June 5,

Dr. Naji also confirmed that in the first five years - an interim period of Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories before a final settlement is reached with Israel - the bank is also expected to deal in the Israeli shekel.

"The Israeli shekel has been used in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1967, and is expected to continue 10 do so in the years of the interimperiod." Dr. Naji said.
The PLO official explained

that the Palestinian authority in the automous area will have jurisdiction over the activities of the bank, with close coordination with the joint Jordanian-Palestinian financial committee, until a financial Palestinian monetary authority was formed.

However, Dr. Naji noted that negotiations were ongoing with Israel over the monetary authorities in the autonomous area, where the PLO insists that the Palestinians have the jurisdiction to supervise and monitor their financial policies and to establish their own monetary authority.

states that the Palestinian aothority has the right to establish financial development institutions," Dr. Naji stressed.

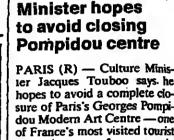
The idea of the Palestinian Development Bank first started with the first Palestinian businessmen conference in Tunis in 1989, where participants welcomed the idea of its formation with an initial capital of \$10 million.

We later saw the need to raise this number to \$100 million and a number of Palestinian businessmen and financial institutions in the occupied territories began to take practical steps for the bank's establish-

ment," Dr. Naji said.

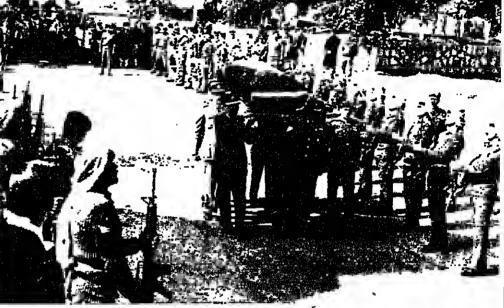
He said that the concerned Palestinian parties in the occupied territories were able to receive the approval of the Israeli authorities for the formation of this bank some time before the Oslo accord was signed.

"But in light of the new political developments and with the absence of development institutions in the West Bank and Gaza," Dr. Naji said, "the initial capital of the bank had to be raised to \$200 million to involve itself in all sectors of the Palestinian eco-



she said.

ier Jacques Touboo says he hopes to avoid a complete closure of Paris's Georges Pompidou Modern Art Centre - one of France's most visited tourist attractions — for urgently :: needed renovation work. Mr. Touhon told a television interviewer Sunday night that technical experts bad recommended closing the futuristic steel and glass cultural centre : in central Paris for up to 18 months to speed up essential repairs. But be said he favoured spreading out the work over a longer period and closing only one section at a time. The ceotre, which opened 17 years ago, receives eight million visitors a year. Air conditioning systems and escalators particularly are showing signs of wear and need replacing. Officials said a decision would be taken in March that could result in full or partial closure. They told reporters total cost of the repairs bould reach 400 million francs (\$70 million). The Pompidou centre honses France's Museum of Modern Art, with supero permanent collection of 20th century works, and is the venue for major exhibitions of contemporary artists. It also contains libraries and



day carry the body of the late air force chief,

FINAL TRIBUTE: Armed Forces officers Mon- Major-General Awai Bilal, to the Royal Cemetery in Amman (Petra photo)

Palestinians reject arms control paper

CAIRO (AFP) - Palestinian document was an "indirect ly ignored the Palestinian peodie East peace here Monday rejected a Russian-U.S. documeot on arms control, arguing that its wording ignored the Palestinian people and their

rights.
"Ziad Abu Ziyad, head of the Palestinian delegation at the working group on security and arms control, said the pretation to U.N. Resolution 242 on land for peace. He said it spoke generally of the "ban on seizing other people's land, witbout mentioning the Palestinian territory occupied

by Israel." By referring to "states in the region and failing to mention peoples" the document "totalrights," Mr. Ahu Ziyad said.
"Any initiative aimed at set-

tling relations between countries in the region must take account of the fact that another state — the Palestinian state is beiog created."

Participants at the talks agreed to set up a comonttee to draw op a new document.

Breakthrough predicted in self-rule talks

The PLO ambassador to Cairo said in Amman Monday Israel and the PLO had drafted a compromise agreement solving the three key issues.

Said Kamal and other PLO officials said final agreement awaited Mr. Rabin's approval

of the draft. "Rabin has the final word now and reaching an agree-ment depends on his approval of the compromise reached between Peres and Arafat," Mr.

Kamal told Reuters. If Mr. Rabin approves the draft, Mr. Kamal said the expected both sides to initial the agreement within 10 days in Cairo. Egypt bas invited Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat to

Mr. Kamal said both sides agreed the orea of Jewisb settlement in the Gaza Strip would be 36 square kilometres and security would be provided by the Israeli army.

An extra 10 square kilometres of land Israel is including in a security zone for the settlements will come under Palestinian civilian administration but have Israeli patrols, he said.

Mr. Kamal said Israel refused to increase the area of Jericho to come under Palestinian rule above 55 square kilometres but had agreed to give Palestinians control of passages to the town from other areas.

Palestinians had earlier said the area of Jerieho should be 340 kilometre and that they were promised by a third party that Israel would increase the

"The Israeli delegation headed by Peres agreed to give Palestinians a safe passage, onder the auspices of the Palestinian authority, from Jericho to Nabi Moussa, as well as a safe passage from

(Continued from page 1) Jericho to the Dead Sea," Mr.

Kamal said. "It approved a Palestinian demand that they set up Palestinian projects and joint ventures with others (Jordan) oo the Dead Sea," Mr. Kamal said.

"They have also approved a three-km safe passage from the (King Husseio) bridge to. Jericho City, but religious affairs in the Shalom Al Israeli synagogue will be under the

auspices of Israel," he added. On the problem of border points between Egypt and the Gaza Strip and between Jordan and Jericho, Mr. Kamal said the two sides agreed to an invisible Israeli presence at the Gaza and Jericho termioals checking visitors to Palestinian self-rule areas.

However, Israelis could emerge to question any travellers, PLO officials said Israel had agreed to have a Palestinian lawyer present at investigations.

PLO officials said Israel initially sought to have soldiers checking identities of all Palestinians passing through the terminals. Other PLO officials accused

Israelis of renegiog on an agreement reached in Oslo and Cairo to allow Palestinians to hoist their flag in terminals leading to Gaza Strip and PLO official Ahmad

Qouriea saw in Davos: "There are still some problems on the crossings... there has to be a real change for people crossing to maintain security but also to preserve the dignity of the Palestinians."

Yoel Zinger, the legal adviser to the foreign ministry and one of the Isreli delegation in Davos, was due to meet with Mr. Rabin to review the draft agreement, Israel Radio re-

"I bave seen the details of the draft agreement," said police Minister Moshe Shahal, saying that it showed "prog-

An Israeli official in Davos

said Israeli agents would be able to see and bear "suspects" passing by Palestinian cootrols. but would be oot of sight from the public. Israeli reports also said a

Palestinian lawyer would be present at all interrogations or A map published in the daily

Magriv newspaper showed Palestinians in control of three sites outside the Jericho enclave, including a beach on the Dead Sea. Israel Radio reported that a

similar "outline agreement" had been reached on securing the roads to Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip. "Right now, the situation is

that there is agreement and uoderstandiog on most points," Mr. Ben-Eliezer said. "It is in its final technicalities." The daily Haaretz quoted an unnamed Israeli delegate as

saying Mr. Rahin was opdated throughout the Davos talks. But it said Mr. Rabin was not enthusiastic hut nooethless gave a green light to Mr. Peres to go forward. Mr. Beilin, Mr. Peres' depu-

ty, said Israel could meet the target date of April 13 for completing a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho if the talks in Cairo next weekend are a success.

"I think it will be possible to sign an accord after Sunday's meeting," Mr. Beilin said on Israel Radio.

"In any case, the negotiations should not take more than a few weeks, which would allow us to respect the six months time limit for negotiations and application of the

Man posts letters, diverts prince's motorcade

LAUNCESTON, Australia (AFP) — A man placed a bundle of letters in a post box here and forced police to divert Prioce Charles' motorcade, police said Monday. The man started a bomb scare Sonday . by placing the letters in a post box on the prince's ronte wheo the royal limousine was only two minutes away, the spokesman said. Police in this island state of Tasmania said they decided not to take any risks and diverted Prince Charles' route. Only to discover the suspect bomh was a bundle letters. "It had to be checked letters. "It had to be checked Out," said Detective inspection man was seen putting something in the mailbox, the prince's route was diverted and it all went smoothly. The contents of the mailbox were inspected almost immediately." On Jan. 26, a man fired a starting pistol and longed towards Prince Charles as he prepared to address thousands of people during Australia Day celebrations at Sydney's Dariing Harbour Complex. The prince was unharmed.

Belglan minister sues for libel

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Class announced Sunday he was suing a Flemish newspaper for libel for claiming that he had negotiated backhanders from the Italian helicopter firm Agusta. The paper, Het Laatste Nieuws (The Latest News). said Mr. Claes negotiated the hribes when Agusta was selling military helicopters to Belgium in 1988. Mr. Claes told the **Dutch-language station BRTN** that the accusations were "gutter journalism" and an affront to his honour. "I'm sick of it," he said. "I was never approached over this business. and no one has ever made me a dishonest proposal,"